

INTERNATIONAL

US carrier hit by wave

3 sailors, 38 missiles swept off deck

NORFOLK, Va., Nov 1. (AP) A wave struck a freight elevator on a US aircraft carrier as sailors moved missiles from one deck to another early yesterday sweeping three men and 38 missiles into the Atlantic Ocean, the navy said.

Two of the sailors were rescued, but the third was missing. In the Pacific Ocean, meanwhile, another sailor also was missing after being swept off a carrier into rough seas Monday night, a navy spokesman said. Navy planes and ships searched through the day for the sailors from the USS Dwight D. Eisenhower in the Atlantic and the USS Carl Vinson in the Pacific.

When the accidents occurred, the Vinson was about 620 miles (1000 kilometres) north of Wake Island, and the Eisenhower was about 90 miles (150 kilometres) southeast of Cape Hatteras, North Carolina.

The navy said the sailors on the Eisenhower were on an elevator even with the hangar deck, about 20 to 30 feet (6 to 9 metres) above the water line, when the wave hit at about 1:15 am (0615 GMT).

The sailors were moving the missiles and other ordnance and gear from the flight deck down to the hangar deck in what the navy said was a normal operation. The ship reported that it was raining and waves were running 4 to 8 feet (1.2 to 2.4 metres) at the time.

Eighteen Sparrow and 20 Sidewinder missiles went down in the deep water, but the nuclear, air-to-air missiles posed no risk, the navy said.

Two of the sailors were rescued by boat and helicopter about an hour later. One was in serious condition and the other was in good condition, said Lt. J.G. Karl Johnson, an Atlantic fleet spokesman. They were being treated aboard ship, and their names were withheld pending notification of relatives.

The search for the missing man, identified as airman Craig A. Harris, 22, of Uniontown, Pennsylvania, was called off late in the afternoon, said Lt. Paul Jenkins, another Atlantic fleet spokesman.

Joining in the search for the missing sailor was the destroyer USS Dewey and the guided missile frigate USS Carr, as well as aircraft from the carrier, Johnson said.

In the Pacific, the search for the Vinson's missing crewman was aided by the guided missile cruiser USS California and USS Vincennes.

The sailor, who was not identified, fell into the sea at 10:26 pm local time (1826 GMT) Monday as the aircraft carrier encountered 12-foot (4-metre) swells.

Nine sailors were injured by smoke inhalation and one also suffered burns in a fire aboard the USS Monomahela in the eastern Atlantic.



The Eisenhower shown in undated file photo. (Reuter wirephoto)

Rushdie in your pocket

NEW YORK, Nov 1. (Reuter) Paperback editions of Salman Rushdie's 'The Satanic Verses' are expected to go on sale early next year, but a mail-order company has quietly begun to ship budget versions of the book that has caused riots in the Muslim world.

Denounced by some Muslims as sacrilegious and an insult to the Prophet Mohammed (PBUH), the satanic novel prompted Iran's late leader Ayatollah Khomeini to call for the death of its 41-year-old British author.

Rushdie has been in hiding for eight months and Khomeini's death sentence has been renewed by Iranian leaders.

Publishing officials had feared a paperback edition could spark a resurgence of the violent controversy that surrounded the book's appearance.

A spokeswoman for 'Book-of-the-Month Club' told Reuters yesterday that the Quality Paperback Book Club, a subsidiary, has been selling softcover editions of the novel since early September.

The club, which sells books to members only through the mail, said it would not provide sales figures.

Viking Penguin Books, which said it had sold 700,000 hardcover versions of the book since its American release in February, said yesterday it would not comment on the expected mass-marketing of a paperback edition.

"We bought the rights to the paperback and don't intend to sell them," said Paul Novak.

165 jailed

Crackdown on 'devil's night'

DETROIT, Nov 1. (AP) Firefighters scrambled from blaze to blaze and police jailed 165 juveniles who ignored a curfew imposed for devil's night, the three-day Halloween tradition of setting fires in this industrial city.

Dozens of blazes flared in trash bins and abandoned buildings, and at least five homes burned Monday night. No one was injured.

By the end of the night, the number of fires had already surpassed the 229 set last year, said city councilman Mel Ravitz.

"We've got to find a way to either re-educate or incarcerate those who engage in this sport," he said.

Halloween, a descendant of the holiday All Hallow's Eve, is celebrated in most of the United States on Oct 31 by children who dress as witches, ghosts and other creatures and go door-to-door through their neighborhoods, collecting candy.

However, the holiday also has darker side: A tradition of "trick or treat" in which children play tricks on those who don't offer candy. In Detroit, a city suffering from high teen-age unemployment and dropout rates, vandalism has eclipsed the friendly aspects of the holiday.

Police and firefighters refused to release a count of the number of blazes since devil's night began Sunday.

Police arrested 165 youths Monday, bringing the number of juveniles arrested since the 6pm to 6am curfew went into effect to 334, said police Sgt Christopher Buck.

Four of those arrested are under investigation for arson, police said.

During curfew, police are allowed to detain children under age 18 overnight if they are caught on the streets without a

parent.

Devil's night is a decades-old tradition, but youths went from soaping windows to arson about 10 years ago.

The blazes apparently peaked in 1984, when firefighters battled 808 blazes in the last three days of October. The number of fires has declined steadily since then.

Penny Thomas blamed devil's night revelers for a blaze that flared in an abandoned house on 10th floor and destroyed her home Monday night.

"The house just went to burning in the front and me and my friends, we ran out of the house," she said.

Fire Capt. Amos Horton said arson also gutted an abandoned house and then jumped to an occupied home before dawn yesterday.

"We don't know what started it or who started it, but someone definitely started it," Horton said. "When a place is going like this, we know it was set."

Civilians have joined the battle against arson this year. About 30,000 signed up to patrol the streets, reporting curfew violators and trying to spot fires before they spread.

The strategy is aimed in part at relieving overworked firefighters of patrolling so they can devote all their time to dousing flames.

New York Scores of youths rampaged through three sections of New York City on Halloween, committing robberies on the streets and in businesses and injuring at least five people, police said.

Texas A 3-year-old boy was in serious condition today after being shot in the head with a pistol that police said may have been part of a day-care worker's Halloween costume.

Brother's bail denied

Jackson clear

CHICAGO, Nov 1. (AP) Jesse Jackson's half brother, accused of skimming restaurant profits and hiring gang members to kill a former employee, was denied bail after prosecutors argued he might try to kill or intimidate witnesses.

Jackson, a US civil rights leader and former Democratic presidential candidate, is not connected with any of the alleged criminal activities.

US magistrate Elaine Buckle on Monday ordered 47-year-old Noah Robinson jailed for trial.

Robinson and Jackson, have the same father. But they have not been close and Jackson was quoted in 1987 as saying he has no connection with Robinson.

Robinson is accused of offering \$10,000 for the 1986 slaying of Leroy "Hambone" Barber in Greenville, South Carolina. Robinson and five associates also are accused of diverting \$650,000 from three Wendy's restaurants they operated.

Assistant US attorney William Hogan argued, "this is a very dangerous man who is not at all a simple businessman." The government's interest is in keeping alive the witnesses and their family members," he said.

Robinson was sentenced earlier this year to 10 years in prison in the murder-for-hire of a witness to the Barber slaying. He had been free on bail while appealing that verdict.

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LEICESTER, England, Nov 1. (AP) Volunteers are selling bits of their bottoms for scientific research and £50 (\$78), a doctor said yesterday.

Dr Anthony Hegarty of the clinical science department at Leicester Royal Infirmary in central England

said two centimetres—just under 1 inch—of fatty tissue are removed from the buttocks and three stitches inserted to heal the wound in a 15-minute operation.

Most of the 50 volunteers so far have been students, attracted by the cash offer.

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PEOPLE AND PLACES

RALEIGH, North Carolina: A mother whose son died from being forced to drink up to nine quarts (8.5 litres) of water was convicted of involuntary manslaughter but cleared of murder after claiming she was trying to flush stale sherbet out of his system.

Angela West, 30, was convicted Monday in the 1988 death of 6-year-old Christopher West and was sentenced to 12 years in prison. She could have received the death penalty if found guilty of murder.

Prosecutors contended Ms West starved her 6-year-old son, Christopher, forced Christopher to drink the water to punish him for being late to school without permission. (AP)

LAND JUNCTION, Colorado: A man who was submerged in an river for 45 minutes after an auto accident died Tuesday.

59-year-old Samuel West was in critical condition on life support systems at St Mary's hospital, a nursing supervisor said. The doctor lowered himself down a 100-foot (30-metre) rock wall Sunday to pull the man from an upside-down car after it slid off a steeply banked highway and plunged into the roaring Fork River, the sheriff's department said. (AP)

ABERDEEN, Scotland: Britain launched a new ship Tuesday to keep the lifeline open to its remote Atlantic Ocean colony of St Helena.

The Duke of York, who visited the island in 1984, christened the 2,000-tonne vessel St Helena at Hall's yard in Aberdeen, on Scotland's east coast.

The new ship is the only passenger and cargo link between Britain and St Helena. It will make six round trips a year between its home port of Avonmouth, near Bristol, and the island, and also will pay one visit a year to Tristan da Cunha, the even more remote island halfway in the South Atlantic. (AP)

PARIS: With marriage back in fashion in France, the number of weddings increased for the first time since 1972 to reach 271,124 in 1988.

Compensation with 270,524 in 1987, according to figures released by the National Statistics Institute.

The 2.4 per cent increase in 1988 followed a steady decline of 2.7 per cent annually in the number of marriages registered since 1972, when 400,000 weddings were celebrated, the institute said.

But France is not the only country to experience that renewed importance given to marriage, the institute noted and cited the example of Denmark, Sweden and Britain where the number of weddings has started to increase over the last few years after a decade of slowdown. (Kna)

EDWARDS NEWS

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands: The West German government has awarded its highest medal for ordinary citizens to the Dutch woman who helped Anne Frank hide from the Nazis during World War II, the West German embassy said Tuesday.

Miep Gies, 80, is being given the Federal Cross of Merit First Class because of her "crucial role" in hiding the world famous Jewish diarist and her family, the embassy announcement said.

Mrs Gies worked as a secretary in the Amsterdam Canal House where the Frank family took refuge from 1942-44. She and her husband Henk smuggled food to the fugitives while keeping their existence secret for two years. (AP)

VIENNA, Austria: Milan Hrebl, who headed the Czechoslovak Communist Party academy during the "Prague Spring" reform period and later joined the independent human rights group Charter 77, has died at age 62, emigre sources said Tuesday.

Hrebl, a historian, was found dead in a Prague building Saturday night, but the exact cause of his death was unknown, the emigre sources said on condition of anonymity.

Hrebl was a key ideologist of the communist-led reforms of Alexander Dubcek that were crushed by a Soviet-led invasion. He served as director of the Communist Party academy during that brief period. (AP)

LONDON: This year will be remembered as the sunniest in Britain since records began, at least in London, it was disclosed Tuesday.

Boosted by the last two days of October sunshine, the capital has clocked up more than 1,770 record-breaking hours of sunny weather so far this year, said the London weather centre.

This makes 1989 the brightest year for London since records began in 1929.

Sunshine figures for the rest of Britain were not available. October has been a month of changing moods, (Kna)

DETROIT: Northwest Airlines reached settlements Tuesday with all 145 remaining lawsuits filed by victims of the 1982 crash that killed 156 people.

US district judge Julius A. Cook announced the settlements Tuesday morning before opening arguments were to have begun in a trial of the 145 remaining lawsuits. Terms of the settlements were not disclosed.

Eleven suits were settled earlier, and a 12th — filed by a man over the death of the five-month fetus carried by his flight-attendant wife — was thrown out. (AP)

EDWARDS NEWS



Facing opposites

Model for Albert Nipon at the 1990 spring/summer fashion show in New York on Oct 31. Models are wearing striped cotton voile dresses. (Reuters wirephoto) See also Page 20

TORONTO: As Canadian patients sue more and more doctors, it is becoming increasingly difficult for physicians to practice their profession. A new study has found that Canadians are suing their doctors for malpractice three times as much as they were fifteen years ago.

Unhappy patients are launching 900 suits against doctors each year (in a country of 25 million people). Less than one quarter of all the cases result in a financial settlement in or out of court — but that settlement is growing. It is four times as large as it was 15 years ago, an average of US\$75,000.

Yet the figures indicate the patients are not necessarily looking for ways to make money off their doctors. Average lawyers' fees for lengthy and complicated court cases are higher than the average compensation. (Kna)

New skin transplant for burnt patients

LONDON Nov 1, (AP): Skin from people who have died can be used within 48 hours in a new procedure to save the lives of severely burned patients, doctors said yesterday.

Skin transplantation is not new, but Dr Roy Sanders of Mount Vernon Hospital in suburban London has developed the procedure for combining skin from cadavers with a mesh of the patient's own skin to use when there is not enough original skin to cover wounds.

Rejection
Patients are then given cyclosporin, the anti-rejection drug used in organ transplant, to prevent rejection of the donor skin, he said. Doctors said cyclosporin's toxic side-effects prevent them from administering the drug for more than three months.

Sanders said, however, that three months is usually sufficient for the victim's skin to begin growing back. Once the drug is stopped the donor skin falls off, he said.

Two-year-old Ferriat Sayed, who caught fire playing with matches on July 11 and suffered burns to 45 per cent of her body, was saved by the new technique. Sanders said he grafted skin from three cadavers onto her body.

Recipients
Sanders was joined at a news conference at the Royal College of Physicians by a smiling Ferriat and two other recipients of donors' skin. 25-year-old Mark Rigby, who was critically injured in a motor cycle accident, and Edgar Vegener, 65, who suffered burns over 35 per cent of his body in an acid spill.

The plastic surgeon launched a new charity aimed at raising 7 million pounds (\$11 million) for studies at the Mount Vernon plastic surgery research unit. Mount Vernon has previously pioneered muscle transplantation and is leading centre for bone grafting and micro surgery.

Fag no link to breast cancer

WASHINGTON Nov 1, (Reuters): There appears to be no basis for the theory that smoking by teen-age girls reduces the risk of breast cancer later in life, scientists said yesterday.

A major new study of women aged 30-55 found no statistical link whatever between smoking and the risk of breast cancer, Harvard University researchers found.

The study is to be published in the journal of the

national cancer institute. Some researchers have suggested that heavy smoking by young women might lower breast cancer risk by reducing the body's production of oestrogen during the time the breasts are developing. The study looked at female nurses who were cancer-free in 1976. The nurses' smoking habits closely tracked those of the US female population as a whole.

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Contras may get US aid

WASHINGTON, Nov. 1, (AP)—President George Bush said yesterday he will review US policy toward Nicaragua, including the possibility of renewing military aid to the Contra rebels, if President Daniel Ortega calls off the ceasefire that has been in place for 19 months.

At a news conference, Bush also renewed his criticism of Ortega for suggesting at the hemispheric summit conference last weekend in Costa Rica that he might respond to Contra military attacks by suspending the March 1988 truce.

However, Ortega later modified that by saying he would decide the matter yesterday.

"I've never seen a meeting where all the participants were so unanimously against all the outrages of one. And we're still getting messages in here about the outrageous performance of Daniel Ortega," Bush said.

Asked whether he might consider asking Congress for a resumption of military aid to the Contras if Ortega calls off the truce, Bush said, "I would re-evaluate this situation in a minute if the ceasefire is broken."

Congress suspended military aid to the Contras a few weeks before the ceasefire agreement was reached in early 1988. Bush has abandoned use of the military option against the Sandinistas, preferring instead economic and diplomatic pressure to try to promote a democratic outcome there.

Bush spoke a day after secretary of State James A. Baker said threats by Ortega to call off the truce may be a prelude to cancellation of national elections set for February in Nicaragua. But Ortega has said the elections will take place, "war or no war."

Ortega contends the Contras have systematically violated the ceasefire.



Ortega views the bodies of four farmer/militiamen killed. (Reuter wirephoto)

House increases drug money: The House tentatively voted yesterday in Washington to boost funding for the drug war to \$2.5 billion and, in a sign of the tobacco industry's declining power, decided to ban smoking on almost all domestic flights.

The actions came as the House gave initial approval to a compromise bill bearing \$12 billion for the Transportation Department in fiscal 1990. The vote was 394-21.

For procedural reasons, the measure was sent back briefly to the House Rules Committee because of technicalities related to the drug initiative. Final House passage was expected later, and the Senate still must act on the measure before it goes to the White House. (UPI)

Call to toughen laws: A standing ovation plus a few boos greeted yesterday the top official in charge of drug war in the United States when he told a joint session of the Wisconsin legislature to toughen laws, build more prisons and hike penalties to ensure a victory in the war against drugs.

Dr. William Bennett, who was heavily guarded by US secret service and Capitol security officers, appeared at the invitation of Governor Tommy Thompson and assembly speaker Thomas Loftus. They thought it was appropriate in light of the ongoing special session on anti-drug bills. (UPI)

Santos to run for office: Millionaire businessman and TV entertainer Silvio Santos at the last minute announced he will run for the Brazilian presidency, a move analysts say could alter the outcome of elections scheduled in two weeks.

Santos, 59, who says he knows little about politics, told reporters during a raucous press conference at the congress that he would run under the small and relatively unknown Brazilian Municipalist Party.

Search for Frenchmen bodies: Peruvian police in motorized canoes are searching for the bodies of three French photographers and their Peruvian companion believed to have been killed by Indians and dumped in an Amazon jungle river, a police spokesman said yesterday. Earlier yesterday, a top Peruvian police official said six people had been arrested in connection with the killings.

Ortega ends truce, blames Contras

MANAGUA, Nicaragua, Nov. 1, (AP)—President Daniel Ortega today ended his leftist Sandinista government's 19-month truce with the Contra rebels, blaming recent attacks by the US-backed guerrillas.

Ortega told a news conference that US President George Bush was in part responsible because he was "supporting terrorism in Nicaragua."

But in suspending the truce, Ortega was invit-

ing renewed US military aid to the Contras.

Ortega started a meeting of hemispheric heads of state in Costa Rica last Friday by announcing he would not renew the ceasefire as the government has done monthly. He has since been softening his stance.

By going through with the threat, he could trigger international condemnation and loss of support of Western European friends, who in the past have defied US pressure and aided

Nicaragua's leftist Sandinista government.

Bush said yesterday he would review US policy toward Nicaragua if Ortega ended the ceasefire.

A government statement said the ceasefire could be renewed if the Contras stopped armed action inside Nicaragua and if the rebels were systematically demobilized.

Ortega said Nicaragua had made every effort to bring about peace. "But the US government

insists on a policy of war against Nicaragua."

In Miami, Contra leader Adolfo Calero said Ortega's suspension of the ceasefire was a ploy designed to pave the way for the cancellation of elections scheduled for February.

"Ortega knows he is behind in the polls and is in keeping with that situation that he would break the ceasefire and intentionally jeopardize the election," Calero said.

Barco says no to pardon

BOGOTA, Nov. 1, (AP)—President Virgilio Barco said yesterday that drug traffickers' terrorism will not force the government into granting them amnesty.

"The Colombian people will not accept reconciliation with those who have shown they do not respect the most basic human rights," Barco said in a live, nation-wide broadcast.

In the past few weeks, he said, drug traffickers had tried to gloss over a violent terrorist campaign with proposals for peace talks with the government.

Leaders of the country's most powerful cocaine cartel based in Medellin have asked for peace talks five times in the last two months.

The traffickers offered to surrender their arms, end a terrorist bombing campaign, and abandon the drug business if the government will grant them amnesty and stop extraditing traffickers to the United States.

"The government has rejected and will continue rejecting such proposals," Barco said in a speech commemorating the 36th anniversary of Colombia's intelligence police.

The Barco administration has extradited five suspected traffickers since it began a drug crackdown on Aug. 19, the day after the assassination of leading presidential candidate Sen. Luis Carlos Galan.

Traffickers have responded with bombings and assassinations. A judge, eight media professionals and a leading leftist politician have been killed along with 24 bystanders in two months of violence.

While Barco's government warns the struggle against the drug gangs will be long and bitter, diplomats fear the rising cost in lives and economic damage could undermine Colombians' support for the anti-drug offensive now in its third month.

Intelligence police chief Gen. Miguel Maza Marquez said in a speech delivered after Barco's that traffickers have declared war on the Colombian establishment at its highest level.

Both Barco and Maza spoke at the headquarters of the department of administrative security, Colombia's intelligence police.

Guns fired from a passing car shot and killed a Liberal Party mayoral candidate and his brother-in-law near Bogota, prompting authorities to impose a curfew after supporters filled the streets to repudiate the slaying.

It was not immediately known if the incident in the municipality of Puerto Lopez, 18 miles (30 km) southeast of the capital, was linked to the war between the Liberal Party-controlled government and the powerful cocaine cartels.

Police said Fabio Roa, the Liberal Party's candidate for mayor, and his brother-in-law, Norberto Saavedra, were shot and killed yesterday in the central plaza of Puerto Lopez by gunmen firing from a passing car.

Hundreds of Roa supporters filled the streets to protest the killing.



Successful

Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia leader Adolfo Puentes spoke during a press conference in Mexico City on Oct. 31. Puentes said the two-month old government crackdown had achieved some spectacular success but it had not touched the true power of the drug hierarchy. (Reuter wirephoto)



Humberto Centeno, looks at the mutilated bodies of six members of the National Federation of Salvadoran Workers. (Reuter wirephoto)

Strike called to protest blast

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador, Nov. 1, (AP)—El Salvador's largest labour federation called for a nation-wide general strike today to protest a bombing that tore up the union hall of a leftist affiliate, killing 10 people and wounding 29.

The federation also exhorted workers to take to the streets in a massive funeral procession for those killed yesterday at the headquarters of the National Federation of Salvadoran Workers, or Fenastros. The attack at Fenastros followed a pre-dawn bombing at the offices of Comadres, a human rights group, in which four people were slightly wounded. Leaders of both organisations blamed the armed forces for the attacks.

Government and army spokesmen routinely

characterize Fenastros and Comadres—the committee of mothers of political prisoners, disappeared and assassinated of El Salvador—as fronts for leftist guerrillas.

Two Americans, Mark Amer and Brenda Hubbard, were as wounded in the attacks. Both are members of north American and European organisations that work with local leftists in the belief that the presence of foreigners makes official repression less likely.

"We the workers see more clearly than ever that we are at war against Arena," the rightist governing party, said Humberto Centeno of the National Union of Salvadoran Workers, the country's largest labour federation.

He spoke at a news conference amid the rubble of Fenastros.

The government of president Alfredo Christianini, whose party has in the past been linked to death squad activity, said it "unequivocally condemns the terrorist acts against Comadres and Fenastros."

It called the attacks, as well as Monday's guerrilla mortar assault on the Defence Ministry, "part of a conspiratorial plan whose goal is to create obstacles to the process of dialogue."

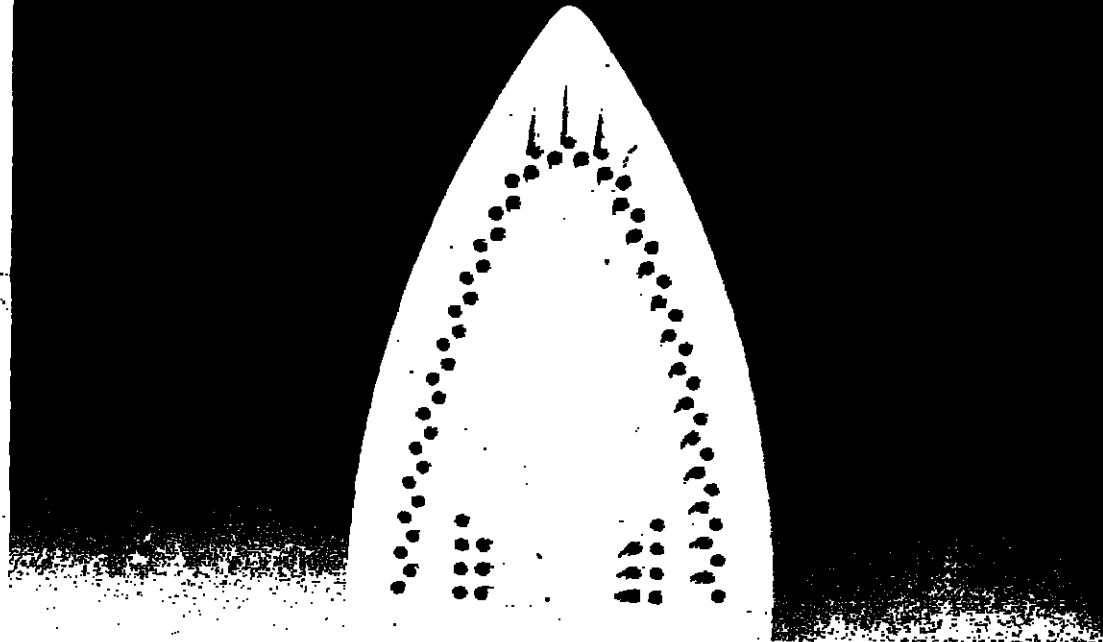
Government and guerrilla representatives have met twice since September in an effort to find a way to end the country's 10-year-old civil war. The two sides, far apart, have been able to agree only to continue talks in Venezuela on Nov. 20.



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Racial attacks on NY women

NEW YORK, Nov 1. (AP) A series of attacks on women on New York's lower westside by groups of teen-age boys using needles or other sharp objects were racially motivated, a police spokesman said yesterday.

From Oct 21 to Oct 27, 28 women, most of them white, were jabbed from behind with a sharp object. Their attackers were described as black girls and women between the ages of 12 and 19.

Investigators from the bias unit determined that 26 of the 28 reported attacks fit a pattern of racially motivated assaults.

Obviously there's selective victimization here. If you know that it's a random victim we would not be looking for a racial motive. It's a racial motive, said police Capt. James Collins, commander of the bias unit investigation squad.

The victims are selected, it appears that they're selected on the basis that they're white," the captain said.

Mayor Edward I. Koch said at a news conference that the city would offer a \$10,000 reward for information leading to arrests and convictions after the police department formally requests it.

Investigators said they did not know what kind of a weapon the women were attacked with.

They thought that the weapon could be a hypodermic needle has heightened concerns that the victims could be infected with diseases such as AIDS or hepatitis.

"I would doubt if it was a hypodermic needle," Collins said. "These are very small needles, and they're easily injected into the body with the needle."

The victims have ranged in age from 14 to 50, but most of them were between their 20's and early 30's, police said. They were each jabbed once, either in the upper or lower back, or in an arm, or on the side of their face.

Most of the women were walking alone on the street and "were approached usually from behind. They felt a poking as the black female teenagers passed them; they observed laughing and giggling," Collins said.

"During most of the attacks, no remarks were passed. However, in one of the assaults, a teenager cursed her victim."



Begum Zia (centre) along with her followers staging a hunger strike. (Reuters wirephoto)

Begum Zia on token fast

Bid to revive anti-Ershad move

DHAKA, Nov 1. (Reuters) A Bangladesh opposition leader and 200 followers staged a token 12-hour hunger strike today in a bid to revive a campaign to oust President Hossain Mohammad Ershad.

Begum Khaleda Zia, head of the Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP), said the dawn-to-dusk fast was intended to whip up popular sentiment against Ershad, who has ruled for more than seven years.

The action was to remind people they must come out into the streets if they wanted a change of government, Zia told spectators who gathered to watch.

It was the first public fast by Zia, who also heads a seven-party alliance that has called for a national strike on Sunday to add weight to their campaign.

Another eight-party opposition grouping led by Awami League Chief Sheikh Hasina and a five-party coalition have made separate demands for the resignation of Ershad and new elections under a caretaker administration.

Ershad, a retired general who seized power in 1982 by toppling the BNP government of President Abdus Sattar, has ignored calls for his resignation.

He has told his opponents he is ready to hold talks and fight them in an election. The next polls are not due until 1993.

The opposition outcry against the government reached a peak in late 1987 but then fizzled when Zia and Hasina fell out. Both boycotted parliamentary elections in 1988, saying they believed Ershad would manipulate the results.

US Army bungled major spy case: ABC

WASHINGTON, Nov 1. (Reuters) A former US Army sergeant charged with heading what may have been the most damaging Eastern-bloc spy ring since World War II will never be tried in the United States because of army bungling, US television reported yesterday.

The ABC network said the army violated West German and possible US law during 18-month investigation of the ex-sergeant, Clyde Lee Conrad.

Conrad was arrested on August 23, 1988, on charges of selling Nato wartime contingency plans to Hungary, which routinely shares its information with the Soviet Union.

He has been jailed in West Germany and was expected to go on trial there, possibly later this year. Before retiring from the military in 1985, Conrad was in charge of an archive at the army's eight infantry division base at Bad Kreuznach, outside Frankfurt.

ABC said army investigators broke German law by placing recording devices in Conrad's retirement home without asking authorities for permission. The surveillance may have violated US law as well, the network said, citing sources familiar with the case.

The army had no immediate comment on the report. The Justice Department has declined comment on the case.

Conrad spied for more than 14 years and the FBI is keeping track of more than a dozen people suspected of having been recruited by him, the network said.

Lanka killings go on

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka, Nov 1. (AP) The bodies of 31 Sinhalese, apparently killed in revenge for an attack on policemen, were found in two adjoining villages in central Sri Lanka today, residents said.

At least 35 other deaths were reported in the past 24 hours in the continuing confrontation between Sinhalese radicals and government

supporters, military officials said.

Residents in the north-central district of Anuradhapura said in telephone interviews that the bodies of 31 men and women were found in the villages of Galanewa and Thambuttegama.

The victims, who were shot in the head and their bodies burned, were

believed to be Sinhalese radicals held in police custody, the residents said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The killings followed the detonation of a landmine under a police jeep at Galanewa yesterday. The attack, which was blamed on the radicals, claimed the lives of four policemen.

The government said it had received reports of bodies being found in the area but did not have details.

At least 17 people, including four women, were found killed near the town of Laggala, 135 kilometres (85 miles) southeast of Colombo, military officials said.

They blamed the killings on the Rebel People's Liberation Front, which has been fighting to topple the government for the past two years. The officials said police found notes beside the bodies reading, "punishment for the traitors to the organisation."

The military officials said an army commando group raided three villages in the Kandy district, about 90 kilometres (55 miles) northeast of Colombo, in a 14-day operation that ended yesterday.

Speaking on condition of anonymity, they said 24 suspected members of the Liberation Front were arrested during the sweep in Gampola, Pussellawa and Kotmale.

In addition, military officials said the army commandos had killed 16 suspected front members and captured arms and ammunition during the raids in central Sri Lanka.

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Opposition vows to fight on Benazir to reshuffle cabinet

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"The slim margin by which the prime minister has escaped ouster demonstrates the strength of the opposition," he said. "We will repeatedly shake the foundations of this corrupt, incompetent and inept government."

"It doesn't matter whether we succeed in this vote or not," another opposition leader, Fazalur Rahman, told the assembly. "This motion of no-confidence has shocked the government and if the government doesn't change then it will face another shock."

A spokesman for Benazir called the claim "absolute nonsense."

Benazir, 36, held out an olive branch at a crowded news conference.

"This is a time for reflection by the government," she said. "We are exploring the possibility of negotiating with the more moderate elements of our opposition."

Benazir's supporters rose in applause as she entered the chamber at the start of the debate clad in a loose, green "shalwar kameez" native dress and white scarf — the colours of the Pakistani flag.

Lawmakers got a military escort to the flat,

modern building that houses the legislature, which was protected by a ring of army troops and police.

The extraordinary security was provided at the opposition's request to ensure their free access to the legislature.

Helmeted troops in khaki uniforms, some gripping machine guns, manned barricades in a 3,500-yard (metre) radius of the assembly, the policy-making Lower House of parliament.

Blue-clad police in riot gear patrolled intersections, but there were no reports of trouble.

Authorities banned processions in Islamabad and some other Pakistani cities to prevent any clashes between pro- and anti-government demonstrators.

Two carloads of gunmen sprayed bullets at people sitting outside homes in central Karachi today, killing two and wounding at least three.

Police in Pakistan's largest city could give no motive for the firing.

The Mohajir National Movement (MQM) said the attack — was politically inspired.

Police said some young men set fire to a bus and fired guns in the air, but it was not clear whether it was connected with the events in Islamabad. Authorities said no one was hurt.

Polls fuel communal feud

Rajiv accused of exploiting situation

NOVEMBER general elections have fuelled a 450-year-old religious dispute and there are fears that Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi's Congress (I) Party is exploiting the potential for communal bloodshed to win votes.

At least 300 people have died in violence ignited by the Muslim-Hindu feud during recent weeks, with the worst outburst in northern Bihar state, where clashes and police firing left nearly 200 people dead in and around the riot-ravaged city of Bhagalpur.

Experts hold only government intervention can avert further communal bloodletting in the runup to a scheduled showdown over a non-descript mosque in the Uttar Pradesh state town of Ayodhya, 430 miles (700 km) east of New Delhi.

The controversy also is being viewed as a measure of how politicians abide religious fanatics for electoral gains, despite clear threats to life and property.

Attempts to peacefully defuse the controversy have largely been exhausted, with the Supreme Court rejecting a plea by human rights workers that it ban communal events as it ruled law and order was the responsibility of each state.

"For the first time, a challenge is being thrown to Indian secularism, which is a pillar of our democracy," said Bhabani Sen Gupta, a senior adviser to the Policy Research. "We will see whether Indian secularism has any meaning."

The mosque is located on ground Hindus consider to be the birthplace of Lord Rama, a key god. Thousands of fundamentalists on Nov 9 plan to lay a foundation stone for a Hindu temple on the site.

Activists of the Vishwa Hindu Parishad will perform the ceremony outside the mosque, which they want dismantled. If Muslims refuse, the group has vowed to demolish it.

The ceremony was scheduled long before Rajiv called Nov 22-26 parliamentary elections, but has assumed dangerous new dimensions because of the potential for political exploitation.

The threat of bloodshed has provoked pleas for cancellation of the ceremony or for Rajiv to order it banned. But, neither the



Indian troops evacuate a family from their house in the north Indian town of Bhagalpur. (Reuters wirephoto)

fundamentalists, the Supreme Court, nor Rajiv have been receptive.

"The ceremony is going to be held. Nobody on earth is going to stop it," declared B.L. Sharma, a key organiser of the site.

Nearly 400 people have died in Hindu-Muslim violence this year, with scores of casualties occurring in recent weeks during clashes sparked by prayer ceremonies consecrating 2.5 million bricks to be used to construct the temple.

"The violence will start in such a way that neither the government nor the army nor the police will be able to stop it," warned Syed Ahmed Bukhari, the deputy imam of India's main mosque in New Delhi. "Even our

forefathers will not have seen anything like it."

He and other observers warn the charged atmosphere could unleash the worst bloodletting since partition of British India in 1947, when an estimated 500,000 people died.

Opposition leaders and many political analysts see a sinister motive behind Rajiv's attitude, charging he is allowing tensions to grow in a strategy to corral both Hindu and Muslim votes in his bid to weather the toughest opposition election challenge to the ruling party in more than a decade.

Muslims have traditionally backed the Congress (I) Party because its avowed secularism offers India's 90 million fol-

lowers of Islam the best protection against Hindu fundamentalism.

"The Muslims may come closer to the Congress," conceded Vithal Gadgil, a party general secretary, who added that untouchable and low-caste Hindus to also reaffirm their traditional support of the ruling party.

"Any Muslim-Hindu clashes will alienate the scheduled (lower) castes, who will think that it is the Muslims today, and them the next," Gadgil said.

V.P. Singh, president of the centrist Janata Dal Party and the leading opposition candidate for prime minister, has called for the stone-laying ceremony to be pos-

tioned and the dispute settled in court. But countered Sharma, "no court can decide this. What if a court decided that the site was not born of the Virgin Mary?"

Hindus claim that a temple to Rama was razed in the mid-16th century by the Mogul invader Babur, who replaced it with the mosque. Muslims argue a temple never existed. Archaeologists are divided.

The mosque was sealed under a 1949 court order to defuse post-independence communal bloodshed. A 1986 lower court, however, bowed to fundamentalist demands and reopened it as a Hindu temple.

Governing Pakistan is no picnic

Baby, it's tough stuff

ISLAMABAD, Nov 1, (Reuters): Benazir Bhutto may have won her place in history as the first Muslim woman prime minister, but she has found governing Pakistan no picnic.

In her latest skirmish with her opponents, Benazir narrowly survived an opposition no-confidence vote today, after the combined opposition won 107 votes in the 237-seat National Assembly — 12 short of the 119 it needed.

Oxford University-educated Benazir, now 36, endured 11 years of imprisonment, exile and impotent opposition before she emerged triumphant from elections in November 1988. But the battle was far from over.

Her opponents regrouped and fought every inch of the way. From their base in the Punjab provincial government they kept up remorseless fire on her minority federal government.

The struggle distracted her inexperienced administration from its commitment to development, stoked up Pakistan's simmering ethnic tensions, and made a mockery of the Muslim nation's hopes of a new democratic era.

It was a far cry from Dec 2, 1988, when Benazir was sworn in after 11 years of military rule, proclaiming: "It's a great day for women, a great day for youth, a great day for Islam and above all a great day for Pakistan."

For the opposition there was no idealism in the Pakistan People's Party (PPP) government, just incompetence, vindictiveness, corruption and a betrayal of Islamic values and national interests.

Abroad Benazir's profile is high. In Western and many other countries she has been seen largely as a photogenic champion of women's rights in an Islamic society, of civilian rule and of the democratic system.

And for the PPP faithful, who cheered her as "the rising sun" during her election campaign, she remains the heroine of the struggle against former military ruler Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq.

Benazir's crusade began in July 1977 when Zia, the army chief, overthrew her father, Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto. Twenty-one months later it became a blood feud when Bhutto was hanged after a controversial trial.

For 11 years Benazir fought vainly against Zia, but his cunning and control over the military made him impregnable. Crash and Benazir, at 35, became the youngest head of government of a major country.



Benazir: It's over

Benazir has had to face tough domestic criticism recently for the alleged lack of direction of her government, which has failed to pass any significant legislation. She also has been embroiled in constitutional disputes with President Ghulam Ishaq Khan.

The strongest challenge to her rule has come from Nawaz Sharif, chief minister of Pakistan's most populous province of Punjab and leader of the Islamic Democratic Alliance, the main opposition grouping founded by associates of late Zia.

The most serious blow to Benazir came last week when its parliamentary ally, the Mohajir Qaumi Movement (MQM) which represents the descendants of Indian immigrants, said its 14 members would no longer support the government.

Spare California of religious tax: call

WASHINGTON, Nov 1, (AP): California should be barred from taxing books, tapes and other merchandise sold by television evangelist Jimmy Swaggart's Ministry and any other religious group, the supreme court was told yesterday.

"With religious organisations, the requirement of the constitution is for the government to keep its hands off," argued Michael McConnell, a Chicago lawyer representing Jimmy Swaggart Ministries.

"A religious organisation carrying out its religious function cannot be the occasion for fund-raising by the state," McConnell contended.

He said the constitution's first amendment, which

protects "the free exercise" of religion, bars such taxation. But California Deputy Attorney General Richard Nielsen told the justice that "Swaggart is using the free-exercise clause as a sword" in fighting a tax imposed on all sales of tangible goods.

Nielsen said California's tax on Swaggart's Ministry "does not conflict with any asserted belief of Mr Swaggart."

O'Connor asked several questions focusing on how great a burden is created by California's 6 per cent tax on such sales. Scalia challenged McConnell's assertion that the tax unduly interferes with religious affairs.

US plane smoke

NEW YORK, Nov 1, (AP): Seventy-two passengers on a Trump shuttle flight from Boston slid down emergency chutes yesterday when the plane's auxiliary power unit backfired after landing, the airline said.

One of the passengers noticed the flash of flame from under the wing on which the unit was mounted and the emergency evacuation was made as a precaution, said Joan Fudala, speaking for Trump.

No injuries were reported. The plane was put back in service after being checked out, she said.

Oldest Swiss

PULLY, Switzerland, Nov 1, (UPI): Suzanne Monney-Perrin, Switzerland's oldest person, celebrated her 109th birthday today with a party at a home for the elderly close to Lausanne on Lake Geneva.

Born Nov 1, 1880, she was one of eight children in a farming family. She married a grain merchant at the turn of the century and moved to the southern French port of Marseille.

The couple returned to Switzerland shortly before World War II and Suzanne entered the home in 1976 when she was already 96.

Beginning her 110th year, she ascribed her longevity to the years spent in the sunshine and on the sea at Marseille.

Murder charges

MEDIA, Pennsylvania, Nov 1, (UPI): Murder charges were filed yesterday against a British national in the bathtub death of his wife at their Radnor home last March.

Charles Bagley, 44, a former finance professor at Temple University, is presumed to be living in England with his two children, having left the United States shortly after the death of his wife, Yvonne, 39.

Gay case

DALLAS, Nov 1, (AP): A judge who called two murder victims "queers" and said he considered their homosexuality a mitigating factor in sentencing their killer has been cleared of bias charges.

Special master Robert R. Murray ruled yesterday that state district judge Jack Hampton violated Texas' judicial code by commenting on a pending case, but rejected allegations of bias and discrediting the judiciary.

Murray ruled that Hampton would be impartial in any case that came before him, including those involving homosexuals.

Mexican shot dead

MEXICO CITY, Nov 1, (AP): An anthropologist who helped dig out the ancient Aztec temples underneath downtown Mexico City was found shot to death in his car, news reports said yesterday.

A police patrol discovered the body of Fernando Lavin Martinez, 40, slumped in his car late Monday night in the Coyocacan neighborhood, the Excelsior News Service said. He had been shot once in the forehead at close range.

Police and judicial officials had no suspects and would not speculate on the motive, Excelsior said.

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Although the master hove to, he was unable to prevent the loss of containers and some general cargo stowed on the fore deck. The English coastguard was immediately informed and appropriate warning notice was promulgated to other shipping.

Shortly after the loss of all containers in way of no. 1 hatch, it was found that the ship was down by the head and in worsening weather conditions the coastguard advised that the crew should be airlifted off and the master decided to abandon ship.

A successful helicopter rescue took place between 1625 and 1745 and less than a minute later the ship was observed to sink. The "Murree" sank about 20 miles south of start point (approx.) lat. 49° 58.5'N in long 03° 22'W in approximately 65 metres of water.

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Bush hailed for summit, sea change in attitude

Arms reduction not on agenda

WASHINGTON, Nov 1, (Agencies): President George Bush is drawing bipartisan praise with his announcement of a Mediterranean summit Dec 2-3 with Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev to discuss "dynamic change" in the communist world.

Bush, making the announcement yesterday, said the meeting will not focus on strategic arms reduction talks but instead will allow the leaders "to put up our feet" and "deepen our respective understanding of each other's views."

"I don't want to have two gigantic ships pass in the night because of failed communication," Bush said. "I just didn't want to—in this time of dynamic change—miss something, something that I might get better

firsthand from Gorbachev.

The December meeting, to be held on US and Soviet warships on alternate days in the Mediterranean Sea, would be the first presidential meeting between Bush and Gorbachev. They met previously in New York on Dec 7, 1988, when Bush was vice-president and president-elect.

Bush and Gorbachev still plan to meet next spring or summer to discuss arms control in a more formal setting, said the President and Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze, who made a simultaneous announcement in Moscow.

Space defence faulty

US lags behind Soviets

WASHINGTON, Nov 1, (Reuters): The United States lags far behind the Soviet Union in the technology of space weapons, making US satellites easy targets in the event of a superpower clash, according to a US congressional study released yesterday.

"All operational space weapons, other than electronic warfare devices, presently belong to the Soviet Union," the author of the study, John Collins, told a news conference.

"They put US satellites in potential peril without

running reciprocal risks ... US armed services on earth depend extensively on defenceless assets in space that could be destroyed as the opening salvo of any major war," said Collins, a senior specialist in national defence at the Library of Congress.

Asked about the role of the Strategic Defence Initiative (SDI), commonly known as "Star Wars," within the US space programme, Collins said the SDI space shield was only "a very tiny piece of the puzzle."



Two-pronged attack

A young lady shows how to use a twin-toothbrush which was introduced at the Nuremberg International Inventors Fair yesterday. The inventor of the double-sided toothbrush is promising a half-cut of the daily cleaning time of teeth. (Reuters wirephoto)

Only one for top UN job

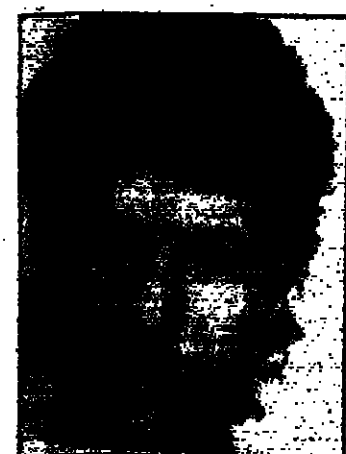
UNITED NATIONS, Nov 1, (AP): Former Norwegian Foreign Minister Thorvald Stoltenberg has emerged as the prime candidate as UN High Commissioner for Refugees.

UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar has held two days of consultations with the chairmen of the UN's regional groups on Monday and Tuesday, and Stoltenberg has emerged as the only candidate for the post, officials said.

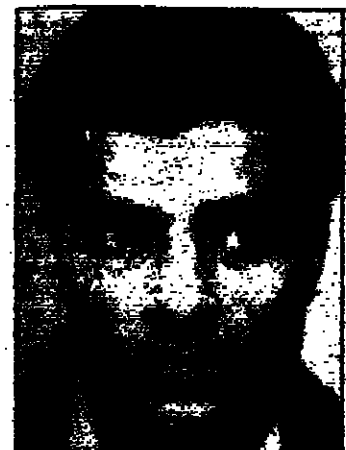
The High Commissioner for Refugees is responsible for over 12 million refugees world-wide, including 5 million Afghan refugees in Iran and Pakistan, more than 1 million in the Horn of Africa, a million in southern Africa, and several hundred thousand in Southeast Asia and Central Africa.

The former high commissioner, Jean-Pierre Hocke, resigned last week. The United Nations is investigating Hocke's handling of an educational fund for refugees.

Hocke, of Switzerland, has admitted using the funds to upgrade airplane flights, but denied that he misused UN funds.



Al Mougrabi Mustafa, one of the Palestinians on trial.



Mohamed Abu Talb

Link to Pan Am bomb found

STOCKHOLM, Nov 1, (Agencies): Swedish police have uncovered a possible link between a Palestinian on trial in Stockholm for terrorism and the 1988 bombing of a Pan Am Jumbo jet over Scotland.

According to reports in the British and US press, crash investigators believe the bomb was hidden in an unaccompanied suitcase sent from Malta and transferred to the Pan Am jet in Frankfurt.

Swedish police documents seen by Reuters today show that Mohamed Abu Talb, who is accused of leading a guerrilla cell base in Sweden, flew to Malta on Oct 19 last year for a week's visit. He was also the target of the New York-bound plane blow-up over the Scottish town of Lockerbie, killing 270 people.

Swedish police have declined to comment on their investigations.

The London Sunday Times said a copper-coloured suitcase that carried the bomb almost certainly contained clothing made and bought in Malta.

According to the police documents, published by the newspaper Kvalitetsposten today, Abu Talb's wife told investigators:

"In Malta, T (Abu Talb) visited a friend who has a bakery, and a brother to the friend, Abdes Salam, who has a clothing business where T bought clothes."

The British newspaper The Independent has reported that the Lockerbie investigation has linked Abu Talb and members of the militant Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine General Command (PFLP-GC) to a bakery in Malta.

Abu Talb and the three other Palestinians on trial in Stockholm are accused of a series of bombings of US and Jewish targets in Copenhagen, Stockholm and Amsterdam in 1985 and 1986.

The Independent newspaper reported today that Pan Am airline attorneys believe the Israeli secret service Mossad warned US authorities of a terrorist attack 24-36 hours before Flight 103 blew up over Lockerbie, Scotland.

The newspaper also said West Germany's BKA criminal police warned US authorities of "suspicious activities" in the baggage area of Frankfurt Airport 90 minutes before the plane took off from that airport last Oct 21.

It said lawyers for Pan Am and its security firm, Alert Management Systems Inc., believe that a videotape exists of the suitcase containing the bomb being loaded onto the Boeing 737 which flew the first leg of the flight to London.

The Independent reported that subpoena requests have been filed in US district court in Washington, DC, against six US government agencies, including the CIA.

It said the subpoenas also seek "Any documents relevant to surveillance by the BKA of the Pan Am baggage-handling area at Frankfurt, including video recordings made on the evening of Dec 21, 1988."

The CIA spokesman would not comment today on the allegations that Mossad warned the agency of the bombing.

The Independent report gave no other details about the alleged Mossad warning.



Not a easy sailing

Mikhail Gorbachev listens as Soviet Finance Minister Valentin Pavlov proposes a 30 per cent price increase on tobacco during a parliamentary debate on the 1990 budget at the Supreme Soviet. (Reuters wirephoto)

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Pretoria puts its forces on alert

PRETORIA, Nov 1, (Agencies): South African troops have been put on alert because of an alleged guerrilla incursion into Namibia and will act even if it delays next week's pre-independence elections. Foreign Minister P. W. Botha said today.

Botha told a news conference that soldiers of the United Nations force monitoring Namibia's transition to independence from South Africa were too frightened to intervene.

Botha said foreign affairs personnel had intercepted messages from UN monitoring forces in Namibia referring to the infiltration from Angola of more than 600 guerrillas of the South-West Africa People's Organisation (SWAPO) between Oct 23 and Oct 31.

SWAPO maintained bases in Angola during its 23-year bush war against South African rule, but is not supposed to have armed personnel in Namibia during the transitional period. Under the UN plan, South Africa also withdrew its troops from the territory.

SWAPO is favoured to get the most votes in a five-day election starting next Tuesday for seats in a parliament that will draft a constitution for Namibia.

After a cabinet meeting, Botha met with ambassadors of the United States, Britain, Canada, West Germany and other Western countries, urging them to do whatever they can "to end this now."

"The messages made it clear that Swapo warned Untag (United Nations Transitional Assistance Group) people that they shouldn't interfere or they would be shot," Botha said. "The tendency of Untag is that they are wishing to evacuate, to run."

He said the Untag is "certainly not doing its job, it is frightened to do it where Swapo is involved." "Unless this is resolved within days, the South African government is reserving the right to take whatever steps it deems necessary to ensure that all parties comply with their obligations," Botha said. "The South African security forces have been put on alert."

Botha said military units in Walvis Bay, a South African enclave on Namibia's coast, had been included in the alert.

If South Africa was forced to act, Botha said, the election definitely would be delayed.

Rajiv in trouble

(Continued from Page 1)

gress Party today dismissed as forgeries documents purportedly linking Rajiv to a firm that received millions of dollars in alleged kickbacks from Bofors.

"We will expose this campaign of disinformation," pledged party spokesman Anand Sharma, who indicated legal proceedings may be taken against the three newspapers that published the material yesterday. "We will nail this lie."

The Hindu, the Indian Express and the Statesman printed excerpts from a diary they said had been written by Martin Arbo, an executive of Bofors when India in 1986 signed a \$1.3 billion contract to purchase a 400-gun artillery system from the Swedish arms giant.

The newspapers reported the diary entries conclusively showed Rajiv's involvement in the payment of kickbacks Bofors allegedly used to secure the contract.

Rajiv has denied that he or any member of his family received money as a result of the deal and opposition leaders privately admit that none of the evidence presented so far would stand up in a court of law.

The handwritten script in the Arbo diary excerpt said the director of a shadowy company called A.E. Services, which has been identified as a recipient of illegal commissions totalling three per cent of the total contract value, met on July 2, 1987, in Geneva with a "Gandhi Trust (E) lawyer."

New Delhi said during investigations it launched after the allegations first emerged in April 1987 that it did not learn of the existence of A.E. Services until September, nearly three months after the meeting noted in the diary extracts.

But Sharma said various features of the diary entries, including the fact that the chairman of a multi-million dollar company was using an Indian diary.

Finally, Sharma told reporters that a Geneva telephone number listed in the diary began with the digit seven, a number he said was not used as a prefix number in the Swiss city until earlier this year. The Congress (I) Party has requested Geneva telephone authorities give a certificate of proof, he said.

Protests good sign for reforms, says Krenz



A protester lights candles during a demonstration with about 300,000 people in Leipzig, East Germany. (Reuters wirephoto)

Nigel blast cuts Maggie down to size

Tories in crisis

LONDON, Nov 1, (Agencies): Nigel Lawson, whose resignation as Chancellor of the Exchequer joined Britain's ruling Conservative Party last week, stirred fresh controversy yesterday by making a sharp attack in Parliament on Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher.

"The prime minister of the day must appoint ministers whom he or she trusts and leave them to carry out the policy," Lawson said.

Policy differences drove him out of office, he said.

Thatcher, fighting to re-establish her credibility, had dismissed a much-publicised disagreement between her former chancellor and her economic adviser Sir Alan Walters as "title-tattle."

Reopening the debate that has been at the centre of disagreement between Thatcher and the Treasury, Lawson told the House of Commons that Britain should join the exchange rate mechanism of the European Monetary System (EMS) as soon as possible.

Lawson resigned last Thursday after Thatcher refused to sack Walters, who wrote an article publicly deriding the EMS as half-baked.

"When differences of view emerge, they should be resolved privately and, whenever appropriate, collectively," he told a hushed house during what was otherwise a rowdy economic debate at which his successor, John Major, made his maiden speech as chancellor.

But Lawson stole the show and grabbed the headlines in today's newspapers, a sign that Thatcher will be unable to ignore the controversy for some time yet despite her efforts to assume a business-as-usual attitude.

"Lawson wrecks revenge," read the headline in the Guardian newspaper. Thatcher addressed Parliament earlier yesterday and dismissed repeated questions by opposition Labour Party leader Neil Kinnock on why she sacked Lawson rather than sack Walters.

Lawson, who pledged support for the government and praised Thatcher's achievements, referred to Walter's controversial article "an ill-concealed iceberg."

Britain's destiny lay in Europe, he said.

"It is vital that we maximise Britain's influence in the community so as to ensure that it becomes a liberal, free-market Europe," he said. "We will not be able to exert that influence as long as we remain largely outside the EMS."

Senior Conservatives fear public distaste for Thatcher's imperious manner and what is seen as an anti-European stance could lose them the next election, due by mid-1992. They have urged the 64-year-old Thatcher to moderate her style.

Major, when referring to EMS, told Parliament that Thatcher had not seen his speech, apparently to pre-empt opposition claims that he was picked for



Lawson: controversy the job because he would bow to Thatcher's will.

Paying tribute to Lawson, Major sent a strong signal to financial markets that economic policies would not change.

The financial markets barely budged after Major ended his speech in which he gave assurances that interest would remain high for as long as was needed to squeeze inflation and that the value of sterling would be protected.

Britain's government crisis has inflicted lasting damage on Thatcher's leadership and strengthened her pro-European ministers in her cabinet, political sources said today.

Conservative Party critics of Thatcher's abrasive treatment of colleagues expect a softer, more co-operative style to emerge from the wreckage of Lawson's acrimonious resignation.

After two full-scale cabinet rows and ministerial reshuffles since August, aides said Thatcher was now flanked by colleagues who could not be sacked without tearing the government apart and who would be more ready to defy her.

Deputy Prime Minister Sir Geoffrey Howe, Foreign Secretary Douglas Hurd and Major have exploited the crisis to underline their independence on major policies.

Thatcher's setback with Lawson is likely to weaken her efforts to slow sterling's full integration into the EMS.

Britain's Queen Elizabeth granted Lawson, a private audience at Buckingham Palace today.

A palace spokesman described it as "a regular formality for departing senior cabinet ministers."

Lawson spent more than 20 minutes at the palace.

Women in the UK are still being denied access to top jobs in industry by employers who fail to recognise their potential, a British government minister has said.

Even though four in five new jobs would be taken by women by 1995, and 900,000 women would return to work in the next decade, businesses ignored women for key vacancies and employed them at levels at which they could not make full use of their abilities.

Demand grows for case reviews

LONDON, Nov 1, (AP): Britain has admitted that four people were wrongly convicted for an IRA bombing 14 years ago, triggering demands for reviews of other convictions based solely on confessions.

Since the "Guildford Four" were exonerated on Oct 19, the Rev. Ian Paisley and other Protestant leaders in Northern Ireland have demanded a second look at the convictions of four members of the Ulster Defence Regiment for murder in 1983.

Convicted

And Irish Prime Minister Charles Haughey is among those calling for a review of the case of six Irish men convicted of killing 21 people in a pub bombing in Birmingham in 1974.

The Guildford Four were convicted of the 1974 bombing of a pub in the town southwest of London in which five people died.

The Guildford appeal, coming on the heels of revelations that officers in the Midlands force had altered confessions and that some police in Kent had solicited false confessions, has raised fresh questions about the adequacy of laws on police procedure.

"It would appear that large sections of Britain's various police forces are out of control," Conor Gearty, a professor of law at Cambridge University, wrote in the Irish Times after the Guildford convictions were thrown out.

Safeguards

But Barrie Irving, director of the Police Foundation, thinks that Parliament has done as much as it could do in laying down safeguards in the police and criminal evidence act of 1984. One provision of that act will require all interrogations to be tape-recorded by 1991.

However, Irving said in an interview, "there could be more training on the positive, ethical values in police work."

"Simply saying that the legislation is in place doesn't mean that there isn't an ethical problem in policing at the moment."

On Monday, the Home Office announced preliminary compensation of £50,000 (\$80,000) each for Gerard Conlon, 35, Patrick Armstrong, 39, and Carole Richardson, 32, who were freed after their convictions in the Guildford bombing were quashed.

Paul Hill, 35, who is free on bail pending appeal of a separate murder conviction in Northern Ireland, was given £10,000 (\$16,000).

Suburb

The convictions of Conlon and Armstrong for a pub bombing in the London suburb of Woolwich were also thrown out after the court heard evidence that police had lied about their statements.

Douglas Hurd, then the home secretary, also ordered a review of the convictions of Conlon's aunt, Annie Maguire, and six other members of her family on explosives charges.

Statements by Conlon and Hill were instrumental in convicting the seven. They included Conlon's father, who died in prison. The other six have since been released.

Total agreement with Gorbachev

MOSCOW, Nov 1, (AP): East German leader Egon Krenz said widespread protests in his country are "a very good sign" of public support for the reforms he discussed today with President Mikhail Gorbachev.

Krenz said he and Gorbachev reached "total agreement on all questions which we discussed."

Speaking forcefully and smiling often, Krenz told a news conference he and Gorbachev talked about Soviet reforms and possible application of such changes in East Germany.

Krenz said his government's aim is to "further strengthen socialism in our country and start reform in all aspects of our society."

He ruled out the idea of tearing down the Berlin Wall, as well as the possibility of reunification of the two Germanies.

But he said his government plans "to create expansive opportunities for each citizen of East Germany to obtain a visa and passport to go to any country in the world."

He said the plans for broader travel rights would be discussed by the government, the public and the parliament.

Krenz said many of the demonstrators were showing their support for "the renovation of socialism."

"In this sense I consider this a very good sign," Krenz told a Moscow news conference.

Despite some negative aspects about the protests, "the main fact of these demonstrations is to show the goal of improving life in East Germany," he said.

Krenz's remarks indicated the government would tolerate continued activism. The head of East Germany's official

trade union movement is quitting, the latest communist hardliner swept aside by grassroots pressure for greater democracy.

News that Harry Tisch is to resign came as a fresh wave of more than 20,000 demonstrators marched in three cities yesterday after half a million did so the previous day. They demanded free elections and legalised opposition groups.

East German officials have acknowledged serious problems in their country's rigidly planned economic system and indicate sweeping reforms may be on the way, media reports said today.

A reform group, meanwhile, urged the creation of a constitutional court to review decisions of communist government officials.

For years a model of socialist efficiency, East Germany has been plagued this year by the exodus of tens of thousands of its

citizens to the West and mounting demonstrations for more democracy.

Although East Germany's standard of living is better than in most Soviet bloc countries, ordinary citizens still have to deal with hardships. Quality consumer goods are in short supply and buying a car can take 10 or more years.

Sources in Prague and Bonn, who asked not to be identified, said the number of East Germans in the Prague mission had risen to about 233 by early afternoon.

Karl-Eduard von Schnitzler, who belaboured imperialists, revisionists and assorted capitalist villains on East German television for nearly 30 years, has lost his job to creeping reform.

East Germany's most prominent TV commentator said farewell Monday on the final edition of his 20-minute weekly show, "The Black Channel."

Papandreou wants to remove missiles

Former Prime Minister Andreas Papandreou, seeking an upset victory in elections next week, said yesterday he wanted all US nuclear missiles removed from Greece.

The position of his Socialist Party is clear, he told a news luncheon: "No nuclear weapons should remain in Greece." (Reuters)

Greece can be sued: The US Supreme Court has ruled that the Greek government can be sued by Chicago hospitals and by an organ donor bank seeking reimbursement for kidney transplants performed on Greek citizens.

The court, without comment, on Monday left intact rulings that the foreign government is not immune from suit because it signed contracts to have the costly transplant operations performed by US doctors. (AP)

Two more dead found: Workers searching the twisted wreckage of the Nimble freeway have found the bodies of a woman and a man in separate vehicles, two weeks after the earthquake.

The body of Joyce Ann Mabry, 31, of Berkeley, California, was found around Monday night, said Alameda County Sheriff's Sgt. Jim Knudsen. Tuesday morning, searchers found the body of James J. Flores, 39, of Rohnert Park, Knudsen said.

"We're checking the vehicles for personal belongings," Knudsen said. "We have no reason to believe there are any more bodies there." (AP)

Seabirds sucked into engine: An Olympic Airways airliner with 115 passengers and five crew aboard aborted takeoff on Monday after seabirds were sucked into one of its jet engines, airline officials announced.



Head turner

A model shows off a hat designed by Philip Somerville at a preview of Somerville's 1990 spring/summer collection.

The plane was departing from this Ionian island off Greece's northwestern coast on an early morning flight to Athens. (AP)

Iran-Contra hearing: Two newly hired Iran-Contra prosecutors should be disqualified from handling the criminal case against John Poindexter because they could have seen his television congressional testimony, Poindexter's lawyers argued Tuesday.

Richard Becker told a federal court hearing that independent counsel Lawrence Walsh violated his office's own procedures by hiring Dan Webb in September to head the prosecution team against Poindexter, who was then president Ronald Reagan's national security adviser.

Another member of the Poindexter prosecu-

tion team, Howard Pearl, a longtime colleague of Webb, was hired a few weeks ago. (AP)

2 sentenced to death: A court in Soviet Uzbekistan has sentenced two men to death and 10 to long prison terms for taking part in ethnic rioting in the Central Asian Republic in June.

Soviet newspapers said yesterday the court in the city of Fergana imposed death sentences on T. Parpiev, 29, and G. Dzburayev, 31.

The court heard that the pair, both Uzbeks, were the leaders of a gang that killed two Mekele Turkish families by beating them unconscious then setting them on fire, the Communist Party daily Pravda said. (Reuters)

Death warrant for dam: Hungary's parliament has signed the death warrant for a multi-billion-dollar River Danube dam being built by Austrian firms, a decision that also jeopardises a linked project in Czechoslovakia. (Reuters)

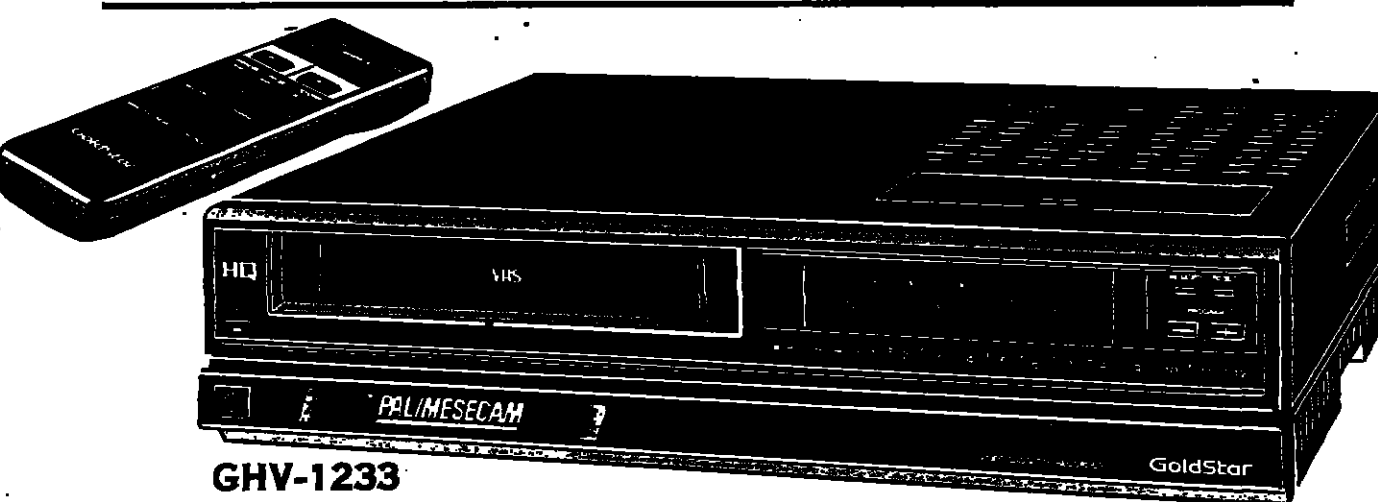
Heated debate closed: Hungarian Parliament on Tuesday closed a heated debate by voting to postpone presidential elections and schedule a referendum on when and how to choose a state leader. (AP)

Two declared saints: A medic who treated Italian soldiers in World War in trenches and an Italian priest who founded a religious order were declared saints of the Roman Catholic Church on yesterday by Pope John Paul II.

The Pope conducted the canonisation ceremony for Riccardo Pampuri and Gaspare Bertoni on the steps of Saint Peter's Basilica before an All Saint's Day crowd of 30,000 people. (AP)

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European limits on TV programmes blasted

BRUSSELS, Nov 1, (AP): A top American film executive has brushed aside arguments favouring European limits on US and other foreign-made TV programmes and said the plan was "protectionism — pure and simple."

Jack Valenti, president of the Motion Picture Association of America, criticised those who argued the restrictions were needed to preserve the culture of the 12 nations of the European Community.

Reminding his audience that many Americans trace their ancestry to Europe, he said:

"I struggle to understand how movies and television programmes, mere entertainment from one country, could unhorse and frighten myth and legend, truth and triumph, riding for so long and so steadily in the hearts and minds of

another country."

"I struggle to understand how an American television programme could collapse 2,500 years of Greek glory," he said in a speech to the American Club in Brussels, the headquarters of the European Community.

The trading bloc also known as the common market, recently approved a measure that calls on governments to ensure that a majority of TV air time be reserved — "where practicable" — for European-made entertainment programmes.

The Bush administration had lobbied strongly against the plan, contending the move would hurt the European earnings of the American film industry.

Consumers called on to report expired food

Tougher municipal controls

THE director of Food Commercial Licences Department at Kuwait Municipality Yusuf Al Mailem has been quoted by a local daily as saying that the Municipality strictly controls foodstuff shops.

Mailem said that municipality inspectors were spread throughout the country and his department has made about 85,000 inspection tours during this year.

Around 7,100 violations were reported and referred to the authorities and over 17,500 food samples were sent to the laboratories of the Ministry of Public Health for testing.

He added that his department has destroyed about 9,553 tons of inedible food. Kuwait has imported about 369,286 tons of food stuff up to the end of Sep-

tember this year.

Meanwhile, the official has called on citizens and residents to co-operate with the foodstuff control centre by reporting to the centre any food law infractions. Expired food on shelves should be especially reported, Mailem said.

Speaking of the red American apples in Kuwait, the official said that these apples were free of any dangerous chemicals and that this statement is based on pertinent laboratory tests. He added that the Kuwait Municipality in this connection is co-operating with concerned GCC authorities Arab Cities Organization and the UN and Agriculture Organization (FAO).

Speaking of the rotten eggs which had been discovered

recently in the country, the official said that the municipality has intensified its control and follow up for eggs in the framework of its concern to provide the local market with the best and to prevent citizens from worrying unnecessarily about quality. He confirmed that all the eggs currently available in the market are edible. He added that investigations are currently under way to inquire into how the culprits obtained Municipal stamps which were used to stamp the rotten eggs.

Mailem said that some manipulators were resorting to cheating by changing production and expiry dates of some goods. He added that municipality apparatuses were able to control this negative phenomena.

Hajji rescinds car registration withdrawal order

Speed freaks and drunk drivers beware

THE director general of the General Traffic Department Brigadier Abdul Hameed Hajji Abdul has issued an administrative circular stating that cars involved in major traffic violations while driven by persons other than their owners will not have their registration or number plates withdrawn.

The circular, copies of which were dis-

patched to the heads of traffic departments in the country's five governorates, rescinds an early circular in which instructions were to withdraw the registration and number plates of all cars involved in major traffic breaches even if it were not driven by their rightful owners.

Meanwhile, the GTD has issued the

decision allowing Yemeni citizens residing in Kuwait to apply for a driving licence, except workers or pedlars.

A local daily reported that traffic departments in the five governorates would start collecting fines against tickets issued for violations made elsewhere in the country, and that driving a vehicle at 140kmh or

under the influence of alcohol would entail the withdrawal of the driver's licence.

Earlier reports had disclosed statistics for the first half of 1988 and 1989 which showed that the number of vehicles had increased at the rate of five per cent while traffic violations during the same period had increased by 30 per cent.

Encourage talented children: psychologist

DR Hasan Issa, member of the teaching staff at Kuwait University Department of Psychology has said that teachers have an aversion to talented students on grounds of their introvert and delicate nature.

He said that the rigidity of the educational system at the elementary level constituted a major obstacle for talented children who are denied the ghost of a chance to express themselves under less rigid and more flexible atmosphere.

He pointed out that talented children might ask questions that might embarrass the teacher because he might not know the answer. He added that talents must be nourished and developed in an atmosphere of independence and delicate attention, since these are the pillars of brightness.

Speaking at a lecture on Creativity and Education at the Faculty of Basic Studies, he said that creativity was the by-product of masculine and feminine qualities at play, and that to suppress either side meant to kill the ability to create and be talented.

The creative person never suppresses any quality that conflicts with their sex, and they should rather give vent and enable these traits to find positive expression in an artistic way, in a manner similar to the products of formative artists, poets, men of letters and others.

Houti receives

KUWAIT, Nov 1, (Kuna): Minister of Public Works Abdul Rahman Al Houti received in his office today, the Farwaniya Governor, Sheikh Ahmad Himoud Al Sabah.

Their discussions focused on the needs of public services for Farwaniya governorate.



Marco suspends a girl in the air in Muscat. She is supported only by a bamboo stick.

Marco the Magician is coming to town

By Peter D'Souza
Arab Times staff

MARCO the Magician who is coming to Kuwait this month to enact his first magic show here is an extraordinary magician because he never formally studied magic, yet he is one of the best magicians in India today.

Marco can entrance a person and make him float in the air or he can 'cut' him into two and make him normal again. He can turn a bird into a dog and a dog into a beautiful girl. And moreover he can predict world events. He has many tricks up his sleeves.

Marco disclaims that he has supernatural powers or uses black magic in his tricks. "Anything that is done by magicians beyond tricks is hypnotism," he says.

Hailing from Seraulim, Goa, Marco (real name Marcos Rebello) was fascinated with magic at the age of nine when he saw a magic show at his school in

Belgaum, India. Thereafter his teacher gave him a book by Herman the Great. From then on he taught himself the art of magic. He started performing in books and contacting other magicians.

According to reports in one of the newspapers in Goa, he said that he did not turn professional immediately after acquiring knowledge of magic because at that time the Goa government levied heavy entertainment tax. Now at 45, he is quite active. He has conducted magic shows throughout Goa and in many parts of India. He has performed 30 shows in Nepal, and 58 shows in Muscat in one month. Marco also performed at the International Trade Fair in New Delhi last December and he is invited this year too.

In 1985, Marco was honoured with the All India Magic Award as the best magician by the Society of Indian Magicians in New Delhi. He stood second among 60 magicians in a All India Magic competition in New Delhi, hosted by the Indian Brotherhood of Magicians.

Resume sheep trade, Aussies ask Saudis

CANBERRA, Nov 1, (Reuter): Australian Prime Minister Bob Hawke appealed to King Fahd of Saudi Arabia today to help restore the live sheep trade between the two countries.

Hawke, in a letter to the king, sought an end to the deadlock over Saudi Arabian charges that recent shipments of Australian sheep were diseased.

Australian government officials, while confirming the letter had been sent, declined to reveal its full contents.

Australia suspended the trade on August 22 after some 300,000 sheep were rejected by Saudi Arabia, which said the consignments were infected with blue tongue or sheep pox, Australia said the sheep were not infected.

Dispute

Australian government sources said contact between the two sides since August had failed to resolve the dispute. Australian sheep prices have tumbled amidst the uncertainty, with wethers (castrated rams) falling to around 10 dollar (\$8) half the price in August.

Saudi Arabia has traditionally taken half the seven million live sheep, valued at a total of 230 million dollars (\$173 million) that Australia annually ships to the Middle East.

Other Gulf states took the consignments of sheep that the Saudis said were diseased.

Ban violation

MORE than 80 per cent of doctors in Kuwait smoke and by doing so violate a ministerial decision issued five years back banning smoking inside hospitals, clinics and health centres.

According to a local daily, this high percentage of smokers among doctors in Kuwait makes them come first compared to their counterparts throughout the world, as smoking doctors in Britain constitute only eight per cent.

Desalination conference opens Saturday

KUWAIT, Nov 1, (Kuna): The fourth international conference on water desalination and processing will take place here on Saturday under the auspices of His Highness the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Salem Al Sabah.

Chairwoman of the organising

committee Fatima Al Awadi said the five-day conference would avail Gulf nationals working in the field the opportunity to benefit from advanced experiences in this domain.

She told a press conference here today that the conference convenes every two years and is

financed by the Ministry of Electricity and Water, Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research, Kuwait University and the Kuwait Foundation for the Advancement of Science.

About 580 experts will take part in the conference.

Economic policy

Full review at GCC summit

RIYADH, Nov 1, (Kuna): The GCC assistant director general for economic affairs Dr Abdullah Al Qawaz has said that a number of economic issues would be reviewed by the 10th session of the GCC Higher Council in Muscat next December. A full review of the working policy at the economic level would also be made as well as a follow up of the implementation of economic decisions preliminary to setting up a joint GCC market and evaluation of the existing negotiations between the GCC member states and their main commercial partners.

Qawaz said that solutions had been reached for the problems negatively affecting the trading business among the GCC countries, such as the problem of delayed transit of lorries.

He pointed out that the volume of inter-GCC commercial exchange had increased over 15 per cent since the establishment of the GCC and that the next GCC summit conference in Muscat would among other things discuss ways of developing and easing up constraints governing the real estate proprietorship of GCC nationals through allowing them to own a house or more, a land plot or more for housing purpose within the limits of 3000 metres.

Constraints

The existing constraints on real estate proprietorship turned off GCC citizens from attempting to own real estate, and the summit would also discuss the possibility of expanding existing venues for practising a wider range of economic activities by the GCC nationals, such as contracting, supplies, consultancies and quality control enterprises, Qawaz said. He added that about 2000 GCC citizens had already benefited from decisions issued earlier by the GCC Higher Council on free business.

Discussions at the summit would seek a joint formula to approve a set of unified regulations to exempt national products from customs duties, in accordance with article 24 of the GCC unified economic pact.

Customs

Qawaz said that the endorsement of the final formula for exempting the GCC national product from customs duties was the last step towards setting up a joint Gulf market, as previous meetings reached an agreement on the need to fix the minimum rates for the customs duties to be levied on foreign imports, which is 4 per cent and 20 per cent as the maximum rate.

He added that GCC inter-co-ordination on import-export activities has always been foremost and accorded top priority of discussion by various ministerial technical committees, and that full co-ordination can now be seen between the marketing departments at the petrochemical companies, and a joint committee for marketing petrochemical products had been set up for gas, fuel oil, and others.

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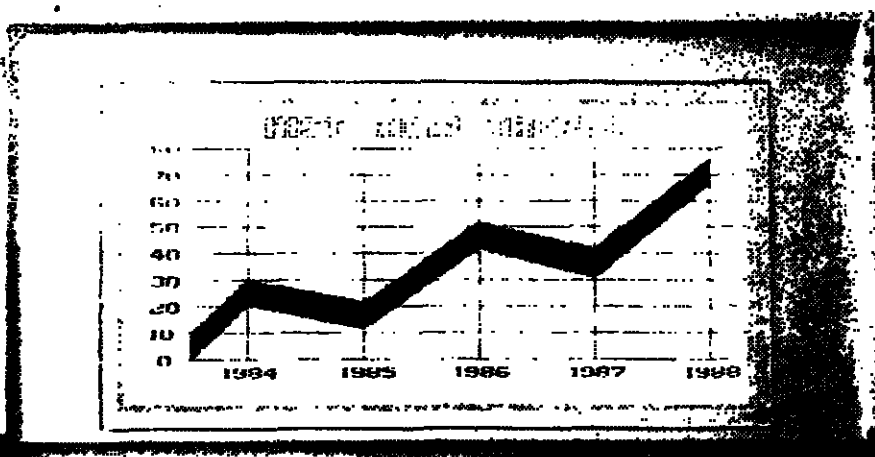
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Rapist sentenced to death by court

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Thought for today

War is a contagion — Franklin Delano Roosevelt, US, president (1882-1945).

Greeks trying again to sort out crisis

A BOTTLE of ouzo is open on a rough wooden table, small glasses are out for anyone who wants a straight shot. A rustic hospitality warms the tiny cafe in this isolated farming village, widely considered a communist stronghold.

But the talk is tough and the target is the urbane man in the corner, former Central Bank governor and Socialist National Economy Minister Gerasimos Arsenis.

"After you clean up your house we'll be with you but first you have to clean up your house," a communist farmer tells Arsenis, 58.

"Papandreou must pay," he says, referring to the Socialist Party leader and former prime minister Andreas Papandreou, 70. "To make him pay the socialists must lose the election."

Greece's eight million voters go to the polls on Sunday for the second time this year to try again to sort out a political crisis which has been on the boil for the past 12 months.

The farm villages of this island, Kefalonia, and its two Ionian Sea neighbours, Zakynthos and Lefkada, could help tip Greece's political balance to the right or left.

Opinion polls put the conservative New Democracy Party, the largest after June elections with 145 seats in the 300-seat Parliament, well ahead but still short of an absolute majority.

These three islands, which for generations based their economies on agriculture, sailors' wages and remittances from relatives who emigrated, each send one deputy to parliament.

A shift to the easier money of tourism began with the rise of Papandreou's Panhellenic Socialist Movement (Pasok), which encouraged hotels and pumped money into electricity, roads and telecommunications.

All three islands backed Pasok in its landslide wins in 1981 and 1985 but in June they all abandoned the Socialists, battered by a series of scandals, and elected New Democracy deputies by slim margins.

Holding at least two of the seats could prove crucial to New Democracy's chances of winning an absolute majority.

Out of power since 1981, N.D. Democracy pinned its hopes for new support, and the six seats needed for an absolute majority, to a pact with the communists after the June vote.

The communists, who often felt betrayed by Pasok policies during its eight years in power, teamed up in an unprecedented right-left coalition government which ordered Papandreou to stand trial on corruption charges.

Papandreou and five of his ministers face trials after the election on charges of complicity in a 200-million-dollar bank embezzlement scandal, illegal phone wire-tapping and illegal grain sales to the European Economic Community.

Papandreou denies the charges and says the decision to send him to trial was an attempt by his political enemies to discredit him and destroy his Pasok party.

Because of election law changes, the communists emerged as a major force in June, and with 28 seats could have put either the Socialists or New Democracy into power.

The communist leadership shocked many of its followers by choosing its former mortal enemy. Old enmities had lingered for a generation after the 1946-49 civil war and the banning of the Communist Party until 1974.

"We must stop the right from retaking power. We want a coalition with you," Arsenis told the late night gathering in the cafe.

But so far the nastiest campaign mudslinging is between the two camps whom many see as natural allies in a leftist coalition government — the communists and the socialists.

Since his crushing defeat, when Pasok was cut to 125 seats from 161, Papandreou has hammered at two messages in an effort to revive his party's fortunes.

Firstly, Pasok members driven from the party by internal feuds in recent years were welcome back. Secondly, the left — socialists and communists — must join forces in a coalition government after the November 5 election.

Candidates like Arsenis represent the effort to rejuvenate Pasok. He was expelled in 1986 but rejoined to campaign in his native Kefalonia to try to retake the seat.

Efforts to broaden the Pasok base appear to have paid off, and on Lefkada the socialists and communists even agreed to back a single left-wing candidate.

But negotiations on joint candidates for Kefalonia and Zakynthos, which would have assured left-wing wins, broke down and highlighted the difficulty of a post-election deal.

The fundamental feud is over Papandreou himself. The communists justified the pact with the right by saying scandals under Papandreou had to be cleaned up, and they voted in parliament to send him to trial.

If they now do a deal with Pasok while Papandreou is party leader, their recent policy would appear absurd at best or even a cynical attempt to break up Pasok and control the Greek left.

Many senior socialists are critical of Papandreou but all agree there is no other apparent and that only the charismatic leader, who commands fierce loyalty among many rank-and-file, could have won 39 per cent in June.

Polls to date indicate a re-run of the June vote, when New Democracy won 44 per cent, or 145 seats, Pasok 39 per cent, or 125 seats, and the communists 13 per cent, or 28 seats.

This would mean the communists are close to their objective of ushering in a period of coalition governments in which they play the pivotal role.

New Democracy leader Constantine Mitsotakis has driven home the message that only an absolute majority for his party will ensure a stable government.

He emphasises a vote for either left-wing party could lead to fruitless talks on a coalition, new elections and, perhaps, political chaos. (Damoulas, Greece — Reuters).

Summit to reassure Bush
Soviet clock can't be turned back

KREMLIN leader Mikhail Gorbachev sought an early meeting with US President George Bush to reassure him that reform in the Soviet Union could not be turned back. Soviet insiders and foreign diplomats say.

Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze could hardly conceal that delight when he told a Moscow news conference on Tuesday that the two would hold a summit on board ship in the Mediterranean on December 2 and 3.

"I have no doubt that Gorbachev pushed for this," said one foreign ambassador. "He was clearly uneasy over the long delay in getting together with Bush, and anything could have happened between now and the next summer."

A Soviet official familiar with high-level thinking described the summit agreement as excellent news. "We see Bush under pressure from the sceptics and the people arguing that our reforms will fail."

"We have found that the last few summits have gone a long way to removing misunderstandings on both sides, and Gorbachev will certainly aim to convince him that perestroika cannot be turned back," the official said.

Under an agreement announced after Shevardnadze visited the United States in September, the two were to have held their first summit around the middle of next year — some 18 months after Bush entered the White House.

This would have been the longest gap between summits since Gorbachev and then-president Ronald Reagan agreed their first encounter in Geneva in 1985 that the leaders of the two powers should meet regularly.

Moscow sat patiently throughout the new administration's policy review earlier this year. But there had been some signs of concern over the mounting debate in Washington over whether Gorbachev's 'perestroika' reform programme might fail.

"We need to show the administration that this is not a win or lose situation — that there is no alternative to perestroika and that it is a long-term thing whose success will not be measurable in the near future," said one official.

At the news conference, Shevardnadze declined to say who had initiated discussions on what he described as an 'interim summit' which would have "a deeply unofficial character" and help prepare for a full-scale meeting in Washington next year.



Mikhail Gorbachev

The Washington debate on the future of 'perestroika' has focused on how and whether the United States should aid Gorbachev to see it through — perhaps providing economic help to boost the reform process.

But in what was a clear reflection of Gorbachev's views, the foreign minister told Tuesday's news conference that talk in the West of helping the Soviet Union to overcome its economic crisis "offends our national pride."

Moscow wanted equitable and mutually beneficial co-operation with the United States and other developed countries, but the Soviet people themselves had all they needed to make reform a reality, he said. (Moscow — Reuters)



George Bush

"The main thing is that the desire for a meeting was mutual both for Gorbachev and President Bush," said the foreign minister, who himself has played a key role in the warming of superpower relations in the past four years.

Only a week ago Shevardnadze won plaudits in Washington when he told the Soviet parliament that Moscow's intervention in Afghanistan a decade ago had been a violation of the rules of international behaviour.

He also declared that a controversial radar station in Siberia had been a violation of the 1972 Soviet-American anti-ballistic missile treaty as the United States had long argued, and suggested the Kremlin had been misled by its military.

Eastern Europeans had key role in decision

PRESIDENT George Bush's shipboard summit with Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev grew out of Bush's summer visit to Eastern Europe and was arranged through personal communications between the superpower chiefs, a US official said on Tuesday.

"I don't want to have two gigantic ships pass in the night because of failed communication," Bush remarked in announcing that he and Gorbachev would meet aboard US and Soviet naval vessels somewhere in the Mediterranean on December 2 and 3.

He said the meeting would let him and Gorbachev "put our feet up and talk" about economic and political changes in the Soviet bloc and other issues of mutual interest.

"There will not be a certain agenda... we'll simply sit down and I'll give him my views on the changes that are taking place in Eastern Europe, and certainly I'm most interested in getting his," Bush said.

The official said Bush proposed the "non-summit", which will follow Gorbachev's November 29-December 1 visit to Italy and the Vatican, after he was urged by Polish and Hungarian leaders to be more supportive of the Soviet leader.

The source said the appeals came from many whom Bush met during his visit to Poland and Hungary last July, including Solidarity leader Lech Walesa.

"They expressed a hope that he would be meeting with General Secretary Gorbachev and that he would be supportive of Mr Gorbachev... all of which prompted the President to begin thinking about a way to have a meeting which would be short of the traditional summit," the official said.

He said Bush, who make a practice of trying to establish personal relationships with other leaders, first broached the idea of getting together informally with Gorbachev in a chat with his top advisers on the verandah of the US Ambassador's residence in Paris. The President had gone on to the French capital from Eastern Europe for the annual economic summit.

Bush, who has come under attack from Democratic opposition leaders in Congress in recent weeks for being too timid in his dealings with the Kremlin, drafted a letter to Gorbachev that proposed the early summit — his way home from Europe on July 18 and Gorbachev accepted in early August, the official said.

That same month "there were several cables back and forth... which dealt with proposals for a meeting place, details of length, type of meeting, issues to be discussed and the general nature of the sessions," the source said, adding that US-Soviet discussions about a formal summit were going on a separate track.

Secretary of State James Baker and Soviet

Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze announced at the conclusion of talks in Jackson Hole, Wyoming, last month that Bush and Gorbachev would hold a summit in the United States in the late spring or early summer of 1990.

"The establishment of the formal summit allowed progress to accelerate on the informal one because both President Bush and President Gorbachev wanted the informal meeting to occur before the formal summit and on a timetable that would allow some distance between them," the official said.

Key arrangements for the December meeting were completed early this month and kept a tightly guarded secret until now.

The choice of naval vessels for the talks — a first for superpower summits — raised questions about security since the Mediterranean in recent years has seen military clashes between the United States and Libya and a terrorist hijacking of the Italian cruise liner Achille Lauro.

But an official who briefed reporters on how the floating summit came about laughed off security concerns.

"An attack on the United States and the Soviet Union seems a little far out to me," he quipped, saying any attacker would feel the wrath of the two most powerful nations on earth.

(Washington — Reuters).

High priority on discussing East bloc changes

ALTHOUGH there is to be no fixed agenda for the US-Soviet summit in December, President George Bush will put high priority on discussing with Mikhail Gorbachev the revolutionary changes under way in the communist bloc.

Their surprise decision to hold the summit, announced on Tuesday, should help appease critics who have faulted Bush for reacting too cautiously to political and economic liberalism in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe.

"Political developments in Europe are really eclipsing the importance of arms control," said analyst Barry Blechman of the Centre for Strategic and International Studies.

"It's not a bad idea for Bush to discuss informally with Gorbachev what's going on there and come to an understanding of each other's intentions and perceptions," he told Reuters.

At a news conference, Bush downplayed expectations for specific advances in arms control, the usual focus when US and Soviet leaders meet.

Ironically, he thus raised expectations that a full-scale summit with Gorbachev set for mid-1990 would reach arms control agreements, private

foreign policy analysts said.

That later summit — which Bush said would contrast with the informal "non-summit" aboard US and Soviet naval vessels in the Mediterranean Ocean Dec 2 and 3 — "will drive the arms control agenda (and) will be dominated by arms control," Bush told reporters.

He asserted his intention to explore with Gorbachev at their December meeting the American and Soviet economies and the fast-moving changes taking place in the East bloc.

"I want to do whatever the US can do to facilitate these kinds of changes" and to understand from Gorbachev first-hand "as clearly as possible, his aspirations for perestroika (economic restructuring)," Bush said.

He and Secretary of State James Baker have made it clear they do not intend to exploit the movement toward freedom in the East at the expense of Soviet security and Bush is expected to re-stress this point with Gorbachev personally.

The potentially explosive situation in East Germany, which could lead to use of force against demonstrators, is especially worth discussing with

Gorbachev, said Helmut Sonnenfeldt of the Brookings Institution.

None of the experts interviewed by Reuters expect Bush and Gorbachev would go so far as to actually reach some agreement on the future of Europe like that at Yalta after World War II.

Regional conflicts in the Middle East, Central America, Afghanistan, Cambodia and Angola, where the superpowers have been co-operating but so far failed to secure peace, will also be discussed, Bush said.

The December summit, the first since Bush became president last January, is likely to provide a political boost for both leaders, a point Bush acknowledged and said he would welcome.

Gorbachev, who took office in 1985, remains under siege at home for reforms that so far have not met consumer needs and have allowed unrest to surface in places like the Baltic republics.

Bush, meanwhile, has been under attack from opposition Democrats for not enthusiastically embracing democratic trends in the communist bloc and for not doing enough to encourage them, especially in Poland and Hungary.

CHRONOLOGY

THE Mediterranean summit in December between the US and Soviet leaders, George Bush and Mikhail Gorbachev, will be the first since Bush became President last January.

Following is a brief chronology of superpower summits over the past 30 years:

September 1959 — Dwight Eisenhower and Nikita Khrushchev meet at presidential retreat in Maryland. Summit produces agreement that superpower disputes should be settled by negotiation and that disarmament is most important issue.

May 1960 — A scheduled Eisenhower-Khrushchev summit in Paris is cancelled by Moscow after Soviet Union shoots down US U-2 spy plane and captures its pilot, Francis Gary Powers.

June 1961 — John Kennedy and Khrushchev meet in Vienna where Khrushchev tests Kennedy's mettle. Angry exchanges reflect East-West "cold war" tensions. Berlin Wall goes up one month later. Cuban missile crisis follows in October 1962.

June 1967 — Lyndon Johnson and Alexei Kosygin, Soviet premier and member of ruling "troika" with Communist Party chief Leonid Brezhnev and President Nikolai Podgorniy, meet in Glassboro, New Jersey, to discuss the Middle East, the Vietnam War and nuclear issues. No formal accords reached.

May 1972 — Richard Nixon and Brezhnev,

by now acknowledged Soviet number one, open an era of "détente" during first Moscow visit by incumbent US president. Sign Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty (Salt-I), first pact limiting US and Soviet nuclear arsenals. Anti-Ballistic Missiles (ABM) treaty and several scientific, cultural and economic pacts.

June 1973 — At follow-up summit in Washington, Nixon and Brezhnev agree they will try to complete new arms control treaty by 1974.

June-July 1974 — In Moscow summit a month before Nixon resigns under threat of impeachment in Watergate scandal, he and Brezhnev sign agreements limiting power of underground nuclear tests and further restricting anti-missile systems to one each.

November 1974 — Gerald Ford and Brezhnev reach preliminary agreements on ground-work for a Salt-2 accord in Pacific Siberian city of Vladivostok.

July-August 1975 — Ford and Brezhnev hold two private meetings on Salt-2 snags during 35-nation European security conference in Helsinki. Scheduled 1975 Washington visit by Brezhnev never materialises.

June 1979 — Jimmy Carter and Brezhnev meet in Vienna and sign Salt-2 limiting nuclear missiles, bombers and cruise missiles. Treaty is never ratified by US Senate but is informally observed by both sides until late 1986.

Hostage impasse

BY now, in the fifth year of Terry Anderson's captivity, there are rituals in the hostage impasse, tormenting routines played over and over again.

In America, there are prayers and pleas. Abroad, there are demands. In the US government there is a litany: no deals, but every avenue that might lead to freedom for eight captive Americans is being pursued.

Except that there are no known avenues at this point.

All of it came together at Anderson's 42nd birthday, his fifth as a hostage, observed last Friday at Mass in a Georgetown University chapel, sponsored by a volunteer organization called No Greater Love.

It was the 20th event that group had sponsored in behalf of the hostages in Lebanon. It was the 1,686th day in captivity for Anderson, chief of Middle East services for the Associated Press. It was national hostage awareness day by act of Congress, although not a lot of people seemed to be aware of it.

In the Senate, there is a daily reminder of Anderson's long ordeal; Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan issues it at each day's session, placing in the congressional record a speech, an article or a count of the number of days Anderson has been held.

The State Department repeated its familiar call for release of the hostages on Friday, urging those who hold them to free all of them immediately and unconditionally. "No political cause can justify these criminal acts," the department said in words used over and over again during two administrations.

Earlier in the week, the Shiite Muslim extremists who seized and hold Anderson, played out their part in the ritual, frustrating evidence of the sameness and futility in it all.

The repeated in the autumn of 1989: the demand with which they began in the spring of 1985, for the release of 15 Muslim terrorists imprisoned in Kuwait.

With the demand, once again, came an instant photograph of Anderson, captive and incommunicado, somewhere in the Beirut area, since he was seized by gunmen on March 16, 1985. The photo was similar to one released by the captors nearly a year ago.

American officials have said all along that they do not control Kuwait's prisoners, convicted in 1983 in embassy bombings that killed five people, and that they would not make deals with hostage-takers anyhow.

The demand from Islamic Jihad, which also holds hostage Thomas Sutherland, 57, came a day after the new President of Iran suggested there might be another way out for the captive Americans, and was read by some diplomats as a militant answer to the message from Tehran.

Hashemi Rafsanjani said Iran would try to help get the hostages freed if the United States agrees to release Iranian assets frozen in the Tehran embassy hostage crisis of 1979. He said the "United States also should help determine" what happened to three Iranian diplomats kidnapped in southern Lebanon in 1982 and believed to be dead.

Those, too, are familiar demands. And they drew a familiar response. Officials at the State Department and the White House said no deals for hostages, and that the United States has no new information about the three Iranians. The dispute over frozen assets, money and military equipment, is in the hands of a special tribunal in The Hague, which periodically releases funds it determines are owed Iran.

"Our position has not changed, that we do not link the Iranian assets to the hostages, and we do not make deals for hostages," said Martin Fitzwater, the White House press secretary.

Eight Americans and 10 other Westerners are held hostage in Lebanon, by militant Shiite groups aligned with Iran. But the Iranian government always has disclaimed direct knowledge or control of the captives, and Rafsanjani did so again. (Washington — AP)

Quote me

"This punishment is exaggerated. I don't understand what they based this on... it was clear that Senna was shut in by Prost well ahead of the race. It's a political decision, taken because a French driver was involved in the crash." — Sports editor of National O Globo newspaper on Senna's suspension for running into Alain Prost during a race.

"I feel sorry for those boys. It's as if we are placing on them a burden so great, that by a lift of their leg they determine the fate of Israel. I think we have to let them work in less tense conditions. As a politician, I want to tell them not to get too excited, guys." Israeli Vice-Prime Minister Shimon Peres on Israel Radio calming their team before a goalless tie with Colombia which qualifies for 1990 World Cup.

"These new heretics are more dangerous than cancer or AIDS." Libyan leader Muammar Khaddafi slamming Islamic fundamentalism in Libya.

"Good health is related to the degree of control one has over one's own life. By drinking to excess we are destroying our chances of developing a better life. 'Whoever taught us how to do it, we are now destroying ourselves. There are no easy solutions, we must resolve it ourselves.' — Charles Perkins ex-secretary in the Department of Aboriginal Affairs urging Aborigines to kick the bottle.

"I don't look particularly like an Englishman, but then I'm rarely asked to play a Russian. I do remember the Chinese became upset when I was asked to play Charlie Chan. I also played a Chinese in one of our Dinosaurs is missing." — Peter Ustinov, an Englishman of Russian ancestry on his acting career.

"The transition to a Western way of life created stresses and we had no social mechanism to control drinking. Drinking together was one way of maintaining traditional relationships." — Charles Perkins, an Aborigine, on why Aborigines drink so much.

"Namibia must be given the chance for self-determination and independence through internationally recognised elections. Violence must be avoided, negotiations succeed. Confrontation must be put aside in favour of co-operation, unanimity needs to be given preference over division, both over Namibia and in this chamber." — US Ambassador Thomas R. Pickering to the Security Council.

"The appeals tribunal confirms the disqualification of Ayrton Senna in the Grand Prix of Japan and increases the sanction by pronouncing a six-month licence suspension with a six-month reprimand from execution and imposing a fine of \$100,000. — International confederation of FIA said in a statement disqualifying Senna.

TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1483 — Duke of Buckingham is executed.
- 1687 — Mohammed IV is deposed in revolution in Constantinople and is succeeded by Suleiman III.
- 1841 — Start of second Afghan war when Afghans massacre British army officers.
- 1917 — A.J. Balfour declaration on Palestine, that Britain favours establishment of a national home for the Jewish people.
- 1930 — Haile Selassie is crowned emperor of Ethiopia.
- 1955 — David Ben-Gurion forms ministry in Israel.
- 1956 — Gaza, Egypt, falls to British in Suez war; Hungarian government renounces Warsaw Treaty, appeals to UN against Soviet invasion; Soviet Union vetoes Western powers' request for UN Security Council to consider critical state in Hungary.
- 1958 — Last British troops leave Jordan.
- 1962 — US President John F. Kennedy announces end to Cuba missile crisis, says Soviet Union has been dismantling bases in Cuba.
- 1964 — King Saud of Saudi Arabia is deposed, and Faisal is proclaimed king.
- 1967 — White mercenaries and black troops invade the Congo from Portuguese Angola.
- 1987 — Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev marks 70th anniversary of Bolshevik Revolution with scathing criticism of former Soviet leader Josef V. Stalin.
- 28/1988 — Government imposes nationwide night curfew in Sri Lanka and puts security forces on maximum alert.

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Ozal hands over premiership to Bozer

ANKARA, Nov 1, (Reuters): Turkey's President-elect Turgut Ozal stepped down as prime minister today with opposition parties attacking his controversial parliamentary election.

The official gazette said Deputy Prime Minister Ali Bozer, a 64-year-old Western-educated law professor, had been appointed acting prime minister with the same cabinet.

Ozal, prime minister since 1983, had to step down under the constitution following his election as president yesterday.

Motherland sources said a party congress to choose a new prime minister would be convened on Nov 17, eight days after Ozal takes over from outgoing President Kenan Evren.

They said Bozer, who has special responsibility for Turkey's ties with the European Economic Community, was among candidates for the leadership.

Ozal, a 62-year-old conservative, was elected president by a half-empty parliament in a poll boycotted by the opposition.

The other parties said Motherland was using an outdated majority gained in 1987 to foist an unpopular leader on Turkey.

A disputed presidential era begins in Turkey. The nation will not want to see a president a person it has rejected," Suleyman Demirel, head of the centre-right True Path Party told reporters.

Erdal Inonu, leader of the main opposition Social Democrats said: "We shall overcome the problems facing us with the might of the nation."

Ozal, whose public popularity slumped to 15 per cent mainly because of high inflation, said he would work to maintain national unity.

Anti-Ozal rhetoric is expected to diminish after he takes office. The penal code provides for jail terms of up to three years for insulting or libelling the president.

Evren, 72, is retiring to a house surrounded by security equipment at Marmaris, on the Mediterranean coast.

"There are some people who don't like me," Evren, who led a tough period of military rule between 1980 and 1982, recently told reporters.

Ozal's election as Turkey's first civilian president in three decades has tested Turkish democracy but shown signs that painful lessons of the past have been heeded.

"There has been a basic political maturing process and the bad old days appear firmly behind Turkey despite much huffing, puffing and grumbling," a Western diplomat said.

For many Turks, with vivid memories of three periods of army rule since 1960 and events leading up to them, the latest political infighting has produced sharp and concerned interest.

UN bid to end Gulf deadlock

BAGHDAD, Nov 1, (AP): United Nations envoy Jan Eliasson met with a senior Foreign Ministry official today at the start of a new round of shuttle diplomacy to try to get the deadlocked Gulf to peace talks moving.

Eliasson, sent by UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar, met with Deputy Foreign Minister Wissam Al Zahawi hours after his arrival from New York.

Officials Eliasson will meet later in the day with Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz, who will lead the Iraqi side to the talks with the UN team.

The Iraqi News Agency quoted Eliasson as saying on arrival that his mission is aimed at "encouraging" the two countries to end the no war no peace situation "prevailing in the Gulf."

He is expected to spend 3 weeks shuttling between Baghdad and Tehran, with no set schedule.

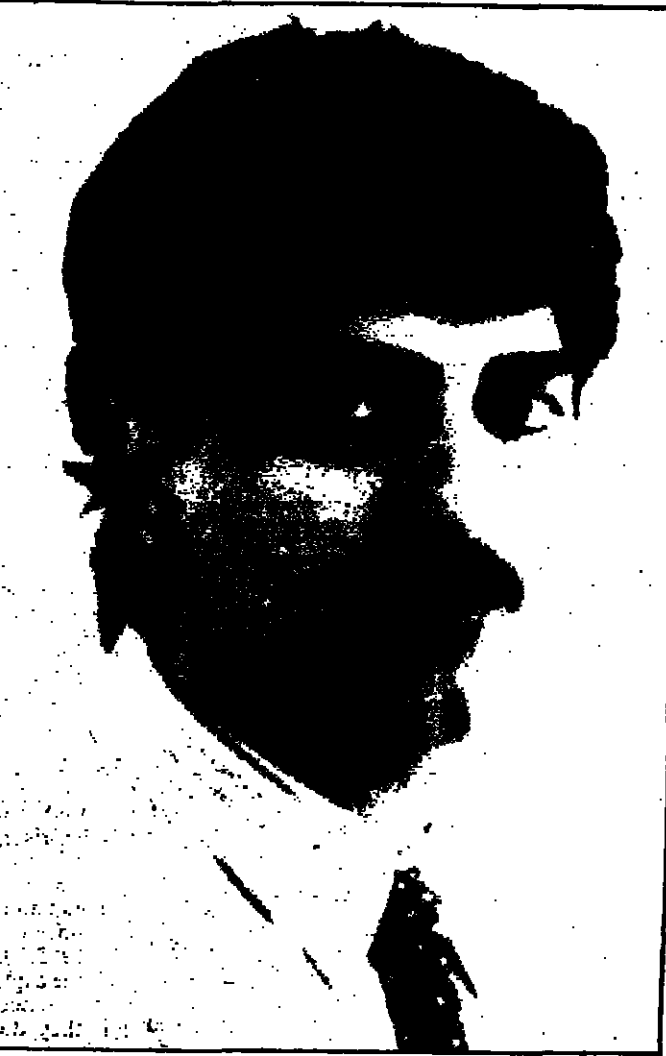
"I will have talks with the Iraqi officials on how to implement the UN resolution 598 to achieve lasting and comprehensive peace," INA quoted him as saying.

The Security Council resolution outlines a peace plan for the 8-year Gulf war, but both sides have only accepted the ceasefire that went into effect in August 1988. Peace talks that started with the ceasefire stalled immediately.

The issues that continue to hamper progress include exchange of the 100,000 prisoners of war each side holds, withdrawal of troops to borders both sides will agree on and control over the Shatt al-Arab waterway that forms the southern border between the two countries.

Iraq's state-run media welcomed Eliasson's effort and said Iraq will give him all assistance he will need to lead his mission to success.

President Saddam Hussein chaired sessions of the cabinet and the ruling Revolutionary Command Council yesterday, ahead of a new mission by a United Nations envoy seeking to break the deadlock in Iran-Iraq peace talks.



An undated file photo of British Sunday Observer journalist Farzat Bazoff who was arrested last September in Iraq whilst on assignment, appeared on a Baghdad television confessing he had spied for Israel. (Reuters wirephoto)

Iranian sues US over jet downing

SEATTLE, Nov 1, (Agencies): What is believed to be the first lawsuit in the United States concerning the 1988 incident in which 290 people were killed when a US missile cruiser shot down a civilian Iranian jetliner has been filed in federal court in Seattle.

The action was brought Monday on behalf of the estate of Mohammad Khorasani Pour, who was 36 when he died in the crash of the Iran Airlines Airbus jetliner on July 3, 1988.

The plane was shot down by a missile from the cruiser Vincennes, which was on duty in the Gulf. The US navy said crew members mistakenly concluded that the airliner was a hostile military plane.

The lawsuit was filed in Seattle because Pour's widow has an uncle living in Bellevue, Wash., a Seattle suburb, who holds a power of attorney.

Timothy Farris and May Kay Becker, Bellingham, Wash., attorneys who brought the suit, said that as far as they know no other litigation concerning the plane's destruction has been filed in any court in the 16 months since the tragedy.

The US government has agreed to make payments to the families of the victims.

The filing asks that the lawsuit be declared a class-action filing in order to resolve such issues as US waiver of sovereign immunity and the federal court's jurisdiction in the matter.

Farris and Becker said it is likely that possible witnesses, including navy personnel, are scattered throughout the world, complicating the proceedings.

The lawsuit asks that damages be determined at trial.

In other developments, an Iranian newspaper suggested today that the former captain of the USS Vincennes be the first person brought to trial in Iran under a law that would authorise Iran to arrest Americans who acted against the Islamic Republic.

The suggestion came in an editorial in the daily Abrar urging adoption of the draft law. The editorial was excerpted by the official Islamic Republic News Agency, monitored in Nicaragua.

The draft bill authorises the Iranian government to arrest Americans who act against Iranian interests anywhere in the world and bring them to trial before the country's Islamic courts.

A leader of the militants who stormed the US embassy in Tehran 10 years ago said they did it to topple the new-born republic's first government because it was secretly dealing with Washington.

The embassy was stormed Nov 4, 1979. Many embassy personnel were soon freed, but 52 diplomats and other staffers were held hostage for 444 days.

Washington severed relations with Tehran.

A US Middle East expert said the American administration was pleased that a new administration took over in Tehran and so is the Iranian regarding Bush government.

Jerrold D. Green director of Near East Studies Centre, Michigan University, department of political science who was lecturing at the Kuwait Journalist Association last evening said this is positive because both sides ignore recent history and basically agree to start over again.

UN big five back accord

Aoun may dissolve Parliament

UNITED NATIONS, Nov 1, (Agencies): The five permanent members of the Security Council issued a statement yesterday backing the plan to end the Lebanese civil war agreed recently in Saudi Arabia and calling on all Lebanese to work for its implementation.

The five permanent members of the Security Council welcome the agreement reached in Taif (Saudi Arabia) under the auspices of the tripartite committee of the Arab League on a process of peace and national reconciliation, it said.

However, the statement by France, Britain, the United States, the Soviet Union and China did not directly call for the withdrawal of foreign troops from Lebanon, apparently because of reservations from the Soviet Union and China, Arab sources said.

In an allusion to foreign troops, which include Syria and Israel, the council members said they were "determined to support, as the conclusion of the peace process, the restoration of the full sovereignty of Lebanon over the whole of its territory."

Shortly after the release of the document, which diplomats say was initiated by France, US Ambassador Thomas Pickering released a separate statement on Washington's position.

"In our view this (peace) process should lead to a sovereign, independent and unified Lebanon and the withdrawal of all foreign forces," he said.

The statement by the five also paid tribute to the Arab League committee, comprising Algeria, Morocco and Saudi Arabia, and assured it of their continuing support "towards the achievement of the unity, sovereignty, territorial integrity and independence of Lebanon in peace and harmony with its neighbours."

According to a UN source, Gen. Michel Aoun has sent a letter to Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar complaining about the continuing occupation of Lebanese territory by Israeli and Syrian troops and reserving the right to ask for a Security Council meeting.

Reacting to the statement by the five, Lebanese Charge d'Affaires Chawki Choucri expressed satisfaction with it describing it as "balanced."

He said by emphasising the question of sovereignty and territorial integrity of Lebanon, the statement could accommodate "those in Lebanon who felt that the Taif agreement did not go far enough in facing this question (sovereignty)."

Choucri said: "The question of sovereignty and territorial integrity of Lebanon have one meaning - that is Lebanon will be free of all foreign forces. I don't think that the fact that the withdrawal was not explicitly stated should make us less satisfied with the statement."

Arab League envoy Clovis Maksoud welcomed the statement by the council saying it represents a most significant support for Taif agreement.

He said this statement puts an end to the unwarranted speculation as to the universality of support that the Taif agreement enjoys.

Aoun said in an interview published today he would dissolve Parliament if deputies did not consult him on presidential elections scheduled for next week.

Aoun told the Christian Ad-Diyar newspaper, "there will be no (election) session before the deputies return to consult and agree with me."

Asked what he would do if parliament convened to vote before these deputies returned, Aoun said, "I will immediately use my authority to dissolve parliament."

Bashir vows to defeat rebels

KHARTOUM, Nov 1, (Reuters): Sudan's military leader, stung by his first major battlefield defeat since he seized power in June, vowed to crush southern rebels by the end of the year.

Exhorting his troops at the frontlines yesterday in Blue Nile province where the border town of Al Kurmuk fell at the weekend, General Omar Hassan Al Bashir said "this year will witness the end of the rebels."

Bashir postponed a visit to North Yemen to inspect his troops, who withdrew from the town in the face of shelling by the Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA) based inside Ethiopia.

"All preparations to return to Al Kurmuk and other positions held by the rebels have been completed," the armed forces daily quoted him as saying.

The SPLA vowed to prevent Bashir from retaking the town and threatened to advance to a government-held town further north.

Sudan's state radio and television, mirroring the military's war mood, have been broadcasting martial music.

Bashir has declared a series of unilateral ceasefires and urged the SPLA to talk peace.

Diplomats have said large amounts of arms and ammunition have been flooding into Khartoum recently.

The SPLA, led by former army colonel John Garang, has fought since 1983 to end what it sees as unjust domination of the largely Christian and animist south by the Arab Muslim north.

Chief-of-Staff Lt-Gen Ismael Ibrahim Omar told the armed forces daily that Ethiopian troops had given the SPLA massive help in its attack on Al Kurmuk.

He said Sudanese soldiers who took part in the fighting had told him that a number of Ethiopian soldiers and foreigners were among those killed. Ethiopia has denied its troops took part.

Garang turned down the invitation and maintained that any settlement must include the repeal of Islamic Sharia laws.

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Israeli brutality

A young Palestinian apparently in pain after being kicked in the stomach by the Israeli soldier pointing at him. The Israeli Army opened Beit Sahour to the press and lifted a curfew imposed during the current tax revolt in the town. (Reuters wirephoto)

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AMMAN, Nov 1, (UPI): A woman candidate in Jordan's parliamentary elections is under attack by Muslim fundamentalists, who have asked an Islamic religious court to declare her incompetent, dissolve her marriage and give immunity to anyone who kills her.

Toujan Faisal, a parliamentary candidate in the Jordanian capital, said the case in Islamic court - in which she was accused of apostasy and blasphemy - was filed after she received a series of threatening phone calls warning her to withdraw her candidacy.

Two Muslim fundamentalists asked the Islamic court, which has jurisdiction over religious matters, to dissolve Faisal's marriage and to give immunity to anyone who takes her life.

The case threatened to inject sensitive Islamic religious issues into the first parliamentary elections since King Hussein dissolved Jordan's ties last year with the Israeli-occupied West Bank. The final hearing by the court is scheduled for Nov 9, the day after the elections.

Observers said the case against Faisal was directed against a variety of political trends that have surfaced in the freedom and openness that has characterised the Jordanian election campaign. Political parties banned since 1957 have been allowed to participate in the elections.

In a sign of official displeasure over the case, the government-owned newspaper Saut Al Shaab printed a stinging criticism yesterday of the Islamic fundamentalists. The newspaper said that while Islam preaches love and kindness, extremists are using the religion to further their own interests.

They "have converted into a gang practicing blackmail and terrorism and carrot-and-stick rule," the newspaper said. "They want to make out of Toujan an example and impose their ideas on society."

Faisal, who has spoken out in the press against child abuse and wife beating, charged that the case was politically, rather than religiously motivated.

"The charges are political rather than Islamic because they want to hit back at all the moderate Islamic trends and at the progressive trends," she said. "They think that only their voice should be heard by voters."

The Muslim Brotherhood Party, an Islamic fundamentalist organisation, denied any involvement in the case against Faisal. Ziad Abu Ghanimeh, a spokesman for the group, said it was an attempt to give the Muslim Brotherhood a bad name.

But some candidates of the party have opposed women participating in the election, comparing it with seeking employment outside the home.

"We will fight women's employment, which causes unemployment among our young men, who crowd the American embassy to emigrate," said one Muslim Brotherhood candidate. "A woman's place is her home with the husband and children not in the streets."

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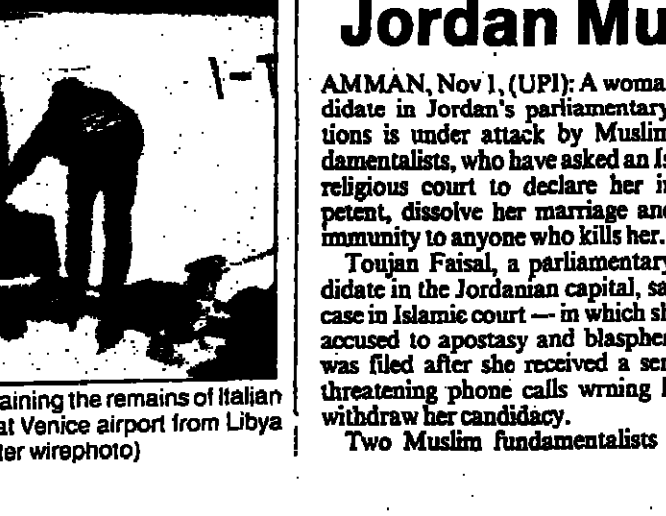
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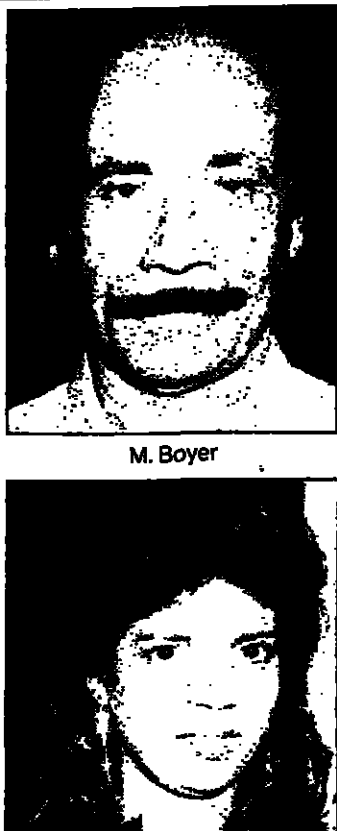


Women taking from a plane the coffin containing the remains of Italian technician Roberto Ceccato as it arrives at Venice airport from Libya while relatives look on. (Reuters wirephoto)

EVENTS



From left to right: Betty Naz, Meena, Jacinto Vaz, M. Boyer, Remie Colaco, Josephine and Felcy.



M. Boyer

Felcy

Barefoot in the Park

By A.G. Gordon

VICTOR Velasco describes himself as "41, and a thoroughly good fellow." Paul Dillon, who plays Velasco in Kuwait Players latest production, *Barefoot in the Park*, may not be quite that old but he is a thoroughly good actor. Not only were his lines delivered with style, but his clever use of props and his mannerisms showed what "acting" is all about.

His was not the only quality performance of the night. The whole cast provided an excellent evening's entertainment and paid justice to the Neil Simon's hilariously funny script.

The play is not without its moments of drama. The fight scene between newly-weds Corrie Bratter, played by Michelle Jean and Paul Bratter, played by Mike Anderson was very convincing.

The anger built up well and was sustained at just the right level throughout the scene. All the harder to do as the scene was interspersed with some sarcastically funny lines from Mike Anderson.

Both the main characters carried their demanding roles well with Mike Anderson getting stronger as the play went on. Michelle Jean's American accent tended to wain a little during the second Act, but it did not detract from the play at all.

Another newcomer to the Kuwait Players fold is Beth Furrer who played Corrie's mother. She is a former member of the Screen Actors Guild of America and her presence and timing on stage were impeccable. Directors in Kuwait should take note of her performance when they are casting in the future.

The remaining two characters in *Barefoot in the Park* proved that you don't have to have lines to act. Alan Weller, as the Delivery Man earned rapturous applause from the audience without uttering a single word. He deserved it. Mohammed Abdul Jebani, as the Telephone Man, had a minor speaking part but had the audience in hysterics with his facial expressions in the third Act when he was caught in the middle of the newly-weds "I'm not talking to him/her" scene.

Ken Winston has certainly found another hit to add to his already incredibly long list of successful productions in Kuwait. *Barefoot in the Park* showed what a good director can do with a good cast — its a thoroughly good night out in Kuwait.

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

- 9.00 Opening and Holy Quran
9.15 Sabah Al Kher News and Variety
9.30 Cartoons
10.00 Magazine D'Actualite (repetition)
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10.30 Religious programme presented by Sheikh Salah Abu Ismael
11.30 Open University: Cultural programme
12.00 Sabah Al Kher News and Variety
12.15 Hiwar wa Nagma: Local programme, prepared by Qasem Abdul Qader
1.00 News Summary
1.05 The World Today via Satellite (repetition)
1.30 Sports in a Week: about the Friendship and Peace Championship, prepared and presented by Sports Programmes Control
3.15 Variety
3.30 Liqa Al Khamees: Variety programme presented by Sheikh Metwalli Al Sharawi
5.00 Alice in Wonderland: Cartoon serial (Part 7)
5.30 Cartoons
5.45 Night chemists, medicines and official advertisements
6.00 Al Tareeq Illa Al Qods: Historical serial (Part 30)
7.00 Egypt Information Message to the State of Kuwait
7.15 Al Forsosiyah: Local programme
7.45 Kul Al Fonoou: Variety programme, prepared by Hasan Awwad
8.30 Maa Al Islam: Prepared and presented by Dr Khaled Al Mathkour
9.00 News in Arabic
9.45 Al Mokafa: Arabic serial (Part 13)
10.45 Ana wa Lakaz we Hawak: Arabic feature film, starring Karam Mutawe, Waleed Tawfeeq and Sabreen
12.30 Special Variety
1.25 News Summary
1.30 The World Today via Satellite
2.00 Holy Quran and Closedown

FRIDAY

- 9.00 Opening and Holy Quran
9.25 Cartoons
10.00 Magazine D'Actualite (repetition)
10.15 Children's Magazine: Local children's programme
10.30 Al Ahadeeth Al Maswdooh: Religious programme presented by Sheikh Salah Abu Ismael
11.00 Live from the Grand Mosque for the Friday Prayers
12.30 Alwan: Variety programme, prepared by Mohammed Al Far and presented by Fatema Abdul Wahab
1.00 News Summary
1.05 The World Today via Satellite (repetition)
1.30 Friday Break: Variety programme, prepared and presented by Kuwait Television Varieties Control
3.15 We are your Friends: Local programme
3.30 Daqaat Al Saa: Arabic serial (Part 5)
4.15 Hadeeth Dineer: Religious programme, presented by Sheikh Metwalli Al Sharawi
5.00 Alice in Wonderland: Cartoon serial (Part 8)
5.45 Night chemists, medicines and official advertisements
6.00 Kuwait Television Programmes in a Week
6.30 Kuwait in a Week: News programme
7.15 The Family Programme: Local programme
7.45 Silk Road: Cultural programme (Part 5)
8.40 Hadeeth Al Osbooh: Religious programme, presented by Sheikh Ali Al Jassar
9.00 News in Arabic
9.45 Wrestling
10.30 Cultural Variety Late Night Show: With guest of honour Anes Mansoor
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- 6.10 Fantastic Max: A cartoon series for children
6.30 Mr Wizard's World: A variety of magical illusions
7.00 Wild America "A Prairie Park"
7.30 "My Secret Identity" "Forbidden Ground": Andrew continues his quest to exploit his power where he saves a girl unable to climb out from a deep well.
8.00 News in English
8.30 Treasure Island - an Otter Space Jiminy runs away from a space ship called "Hispanola" after he discovers the reality about John Silver.
9.30 Just for the Record: An exciting and entertaining programme "On record" breaking achievements from the tremendous to the trivial.
10.00 Annie McGuire "The Friend Shoe"
10.30 Feature Film "Sunset Lemosine": Starring John Ritter, Susan Day.
12.00 News in Brief
12.30 Magazine D'Actualite

FRIDAY

- 6.00 Opening and Holy Quran
6.10 Macron: A cartoon series for children
6.30 Walt Disney "Under the Sea"
7.00 News in English
7.30 Breaking Away: Recreational and entertainment activities in various parts of Kuwait.
8.45 Yellow River: Chinese Muslims of the Upper Basin: A look at Muslim minority in China... The long march made by the Red Army under the leadership of "Mao".
9.30 The Weekend Programme: A weekly local programme
10.00 Roseanne "Radio Days"
10.30 UNSAB "Burn Out": The problem with juveniles who set fires for different reasons. Investigations carried out by the C.I.D. in this respect...
11.30 News in Brief
11.45 Magazine D'Actualite

KTV 2

- 6.00 Opening and Holy Quran

Boyer returns to Kuwait

By Peter D'Souza
Arab Times staff

POPULAR Goan dramatist M. Boyer and his troupe arrived in Kuwait yesterday, keeping a promise they made last year "we will return."

Boyer staged a drama *Ekuch Cazar* (Only One Marriage) in Kuwait last February and assured the audience at the Indian Arts Circle that he and his troupe would stage another drama "Chintna Zalm Sopna" (Plans turn to Dreams) on November 2. Here they are true to their

words!

As in most of Boyer's dramas which convey an educative message, "Chintna Zalm Sopna" is a crusade against drugs. It's a story about a drug dealer who plans to do wonderful things for his family. He makes lot of money pushing drugs, but in the process his son becomes a drug addict. Then he realises what he was doing was wrong and decides to give away his wealth. It will be fun to watch as the story builds up.

Talking to Arab Times, Boyer said they

don't come to the Gulf only for money. He says it's his mission to give youngsters good advice. "We know that they will not listen to us, but still we have to try," Boyer said. "I tell the organisers not to bring my shows, but to give others a chance, however they don't listen," he said.

Boyer says he was fully satisfied with his last show in Kuwait and that is one of the reasons he came back to Kuwait again.

Boyer is known for his impromptu composition of songs. He wrote more than 22 dramas during his 40 years of acting. He

writes, directs and produces dramas and sings but he is better known for his comedies.

Besides Boyer, actors who have come from Goa to take part in the drama are Remie Colaco, Meena, Felcy, Josephine, Betty Naz, Jr. Rod, Joe Rose, Seby Coutinho, Christopher, Steve Rod, Marcelin de Betim.

After the shows in Kuwait, Boyer and his troupe will go to Bahrain and Qatar to stage the same drama.

The New Goans Overseas Association are the organisers of the shows.

WHAT'S ON

ARTS

Islamic Art

A SIX week — 12 lecture course on Islamic Art will be given in English at the Dar Al Athar Al Islamiyyah on Sunday and Tuesday mornings from 10.00 — 12.00 noon. October 29 through December 5, 1989.

An eight week — eight lecture course on Islamic Art will be given in Arabic at the Dar Al Athar Al Islamiyyah on Monday afternoons from 4.00 — 6.00 pm from October 30 through December 19, 1989.

To register for either of these courses please sign up at the Dar Al Athar during museum hours 8.30 am — 12.30 pm.

Sultan Gallery

A COLLECTION of abstract art by Saudi Arabian artist Faisal Samra is on show at the Sultan Gallery, Samra, who experiments with space and form, is exhibiting for the second time in Kuwait. His first exhibition was in 1987. The show is open Saturday to Thursday from 10 am to 1 pm and 5 to 8 pm, until Nov 15.

Hobby centre

New Courses in Jewellery making and design for adults. For children there is Pottery starting next month for 6 weeks. Tel: 5618847, 5317354.

SOCIAL

Pianist wanted

KUWAIT Little Theatre — Ahmad urgently require a pianist to help with their pantomime rehearsals and performances. Anyone interested, please call S. Prescott on 3725960 after 3 pm.

Navelium Youth Centre

NOV 16: An annual get-together nite with live music from "Stepping Stones and Top Ranks" having lots more amusements, surprises awaiting at Le Mirage ballroom — Ramada Al Salam Hotel. Contact: Mr Alex — 2426334, Mr Marian — 2416945.

Star Nite

DEC 21: Star Nite Stepping Stones have stepped in and with Perfect Strangers it's going to be a nite to Celebrate Yulide. Fun fare for children and variety programme for others starting from 5-8.30 pm and goes on from 9 pm until sumptuous buffet mid-night. A galore of prizes with Hamper lucky draws under 555 sponsorship invitations with Shop No. 34 ex New Super Market and contact Tel: 5331940, 2413706 Res.

Narthana

AS a part of the Nehru Centenary year celebrations "Narthana" stages "Anarkali" ballet at IAC hall on Nov. 9. The popular historical story took place in the year 1600 will be staged with the real Mughal Muslim costumes and style. Admission restricted with passes which are available at Tel: 4337608/2425131/3904817/24-61589/5643126.

Bengali dance drama

The Bengali musical play "Nakshi Katha Maath" (The Field of the Embroidered Quilt) by famous Bangladeshi poet Jashimuddin will be staged at the Starlight Theatre, Doha Entertainment City, on Nov 2 and 3. For details please contact Tel. 4893424, 4744490, 4315759, 3173923, 2466562.

Anarkali

NOV 9: Special passes for IAC members for the Anarkali ballet available in the IAC office.

Get together

DEC 22: Southerners welcome you once again to a family get-together at Le Mirage Hall at the Ramada Al Salam Hotel at 10 am.

Magic show

NOV 9, 10: Expatriate Club will organise the first magic show in Kuwait. Internationally known Indian magician Marco will perform at the Granada Cinema. For details contact Wilson 3918905, Val 5614506 after 5 pm. Tickets available at Raja Stores. Tel. 2412970.

Navelium feast

The feast of Our Lady of Rosary, Navelium will be celebrated on 15.11.89, at the Holy Family Cathedral at 7.15 am.

Ladies International League

THE purpose of LIL is to offer women of all nationalities an organisation in which they can enjoy events and activities and, at the same time, meet women of many nationalities and, in that way, gain an insight to the people and culture of other countries.

As our world becomes smaller each day with the ever increasing speed of travel, who knows when you may be in a foreign country new to yourself. Hopefully, as a member of LIL, you will have met someone from that country and know a little of its people and their culture.

Accept the challenge to open yourself up to the new friendships and a new year in Kuwait by joining LIL.

Contact

THE next meeting of Contact, the ladies information group, will be held on Saturday, November 11, at 10.00 am at the Messilah Beach Hotel. Newcomers are particularly welcome. For more information call 3720197 or 4874513 or 5388105.

Up and coming events:

Bazaar

NOV 2, 1989, at Kuwait International Hotel, Safat Room from 10 am — 6 pm. Come along and buy handicrafts from all over the world. Tents, Al Asaf Gifts, SAS Hotel and the Art Shop Salmiya will be there. Raffle and door prizes. Everyone welcome.

First "Big" Meeting

NOVEMBER 6, 1989 at the Kuwait Regency Palace Hotel in the Bubyun Room at 7 pm. All ladies are welcome. No children allowed. Watch the Arab Times for more information on L.I.L.

Watercolour painting

LEARN watercolour painting with Patricia Mills. New 8 week course in drawing and painting for adults. For details Tel: 5618847.

Rock 'n' roll

NOV 22: Spend a night of nostalgia with music from 1955-1965 provided by "High Spirits" at Messilah Beach Hotel. Fulfill your fantasy and dress as your favourite star of the era or just dress up. Also B.B.Q. and prizes. For details please contact 5624111 ext. 711, 712 or 705.

British Council

THE Chain: Sat 4 and Sun. Nov. 5, 6.30 pm — 100 min. Across the length and breadth of London, seven groups of people, all variously tainted with the seven deadly sins — are caught up in the 'chain' of moving houses. The humour of the film is very entertaining. The interesting story we are given of the less well-known parts of London and the humorous insights into the technicalities of moving house, are an added bonus. Screenplay by John Rosenthal and directed by Jack Gold.

German Speaking Cultural Association

THE next coffee morning, on the first Sunday of the month (like always) will be held on November 5 at 10 am at the ballroom of the Kuwait International Hotel. All German speaking women are welcome, especially newcomers.

Bharathi Mele '89

A DAY of fun and enjoyment on November 3, 1989, at Indian Embassy Hall, with lots of games for children as well as adults from 9.00 am to 2.30 pm. For details, please contact Tel: 4898891 or 3920820 or 5612114 or 5627718 or 3726821 or 2465712.

Canadian Women's League

NOV. 4: The Canadian Women's League will meet at 4 pm for their monthly meeting. New ladies welcome. Maps available at the Embassy or call 371 8678 for details.

Musical variety

A MUSICAL variety with lots of fun and prizes is to be held on Nov 2 at 9.00 pm in Jabriya, Block 8, Street 10, House 94.

Limited number of cards are still available for families. Please contact, secretary, Hamed Mahmoud, public relations, Tel. No. 4716258.

Poet's Seminar

KERALA Writers' and Readers' Forum is arranging a poet's seminar at the Indian embassy auditorium on Friday evening at 5.30 pm on 3-11-89. In the seminar a collection of English poems, in the name of a book "Mother" written by Sunita Warrior will be released by the first secretary of Indian embassy Abdul Khaliq. The seminar will be concluded by recitation of number of poems both in English and Malayalam. All are welcome.

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House guest

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Musical Nights with Adnan Butt

A variety of popular Indian and Pakistani songs, ghazals and gets to be presented in exclusive musical gatherings on four consecutive Thursdays starting from November 23, 1989 at various locations in Kuwait. For details contact 3919720, 3610088 and 4743955.

CINEMA

Al Andalus
The Annihilators
Salmiyah
Hall booked
Al Hamra
Commando Wildgeese
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Al Firdous
Dharam Shatru
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The human calculator

SHAKUNTALA DEVI, the human calculator, will be in Kuwait on November 6, 1989. She has already performed in the UAE, Bahrain and Muscat, as part of her Gulf tour. Fifty-two year old Devi has made world-wide headlines and obtained a place in Guinness Book of World Records. She is faster than a computer, in fact she can multiply 13 digits by 13 digits picked randomly by a computer in 28 seconds. This was several seconds less than the computer.

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BUSINESS & FINANCE

Bahrain budget deficit widens in 1988

BAHRAIN, Nov. 1. (Reuters): Bahrain's budget deficit in 1988 was about 17 per cent higher than the previous year due mainly to lower oil revenues, according to official figures released today.

The Bahrain Monetary Agency in its annual report said government revenues fell six per cent to 401.3 million

dinars (\$1,064 billion) while expenditure rose 4.3 per cent to 486.2 million (\$1,289 billion) in 1988.

Economists said the deficit was 84.9 million dinars (\$225 million), nearly 17 times greater than the five million dinars (\$13.3 million) 1987 deficit.

Official forecasts had predicted a deficit figure of 60 million dinars (\$160

million).

The BMA said despite this the island's economy, heavily dependent on oil in spite of attempts to diversify, continued to show a stable growth and overall satisfactory performance.

It did not give growth figures. Statistics compiled by Gulf International Bank last year predicted Gross Dom-

estic Product would decline by 1.5 per cent during 1988 compared with an increase of 1.1 per cent in 1987.

The BMA said falling revenues could be attributed mainly to depressed oil prices, which prompted a 15.1 per cent decline in oil income to around 210 million dinars (\$557 million).

The government has sharply boosted

domestic borrowing in 1988 and 1989

to compensate.

During 1988 the island's trade deficit narrowed to 69.7 million dinars (\$185 million) its lowest level since 1984 — from a revised 106.8 million (\$283 million) the previous year, the BMA report said.

This was partially due to a decline in

the value of crude oil brought from Saudi Arabia to the island's refinery coupled with growing non-oil exports, it said.

The island buys most of the oil for its 250,000 barrel-per-day refinery from the kingdom and its own dwindling reserves are expected to run out by the turn of the century.

US Ford bids for Jaguar takeover

LONDON, Nov. 1. (Reuters): US auto giant Ford looks set to make a full takeover bid for luxury carmaker Jaguar following a British government decision to drop its protective controlling share in the firm, share analysts said today.

The government, in a move which took Jaguar by surprise, said yesterday it was waiving the so-called "golden share" which has prevented hostile bids for the Coventry-based company since it was privatised in 1984.

Aiming

Analysts said the decision had upset talks going on for some months between Jaguar and General Motors, America's biggest carmaker, under which GM was aiming to take a minority stake in Jaguar and enter into a series of manufacturing and marketing joint ventures with the British company.

"Jaguar and GM have obviously been wrong-footed by this so it might be worth Ford moving quickly," said analyst Peter Caldwell at Smith New Court.

Since mid-September Ford has built up a 13.2 per cent stake in Jaguar. In a move rejected as unwelcome by the British firm, Ford said on September 19 it was planning to buy up to 15 per cent of Jaguar, the maximum permitted under the original privatisation prospectus.

Higher

In late trading in London today, Jaguar shares were six pence (9.5 cents) higher at £8.75 (\$13.83) a share after soaring £1.22 (\$1.93) after the government announcement yesterday.

Analysts expected Ford to bid between £8 and £9 (\$12.65 and \$14.20) a share, analysts said.

GM and Jaguar, they felt, would have to drop plans for joint ventures or a minority stake because only a full bid by the US company could challenge Ford.

Saudis stick to Opec quota

Oil output rises in October

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Nov. 1. (AP): Saudi Arabian Oil Minister Hisham Nazer says his country is maintaining its Opec production quota and is committed to security for oil importing and exporting nations.

"We cannot prosper without each other," Nazer said. "It is not only you that needs the oil. It is also we who need the market."

Nazer, speaking to the independent Petroleum Association of America yesterday, said his country is particularly interested in a healthy oil market in the United States.

"We are now an integral part of the United States oil market, and the return of our investment depends on its health," Nazer said. One-fifth of the oil supplied by Saudi Arabia, the world's largest oil exporter, goes to the United States, he said.

While independent, or "high cost, low reserve" producers may be a declining part of the world oil market, Nazer said, their role is significant.

Output of Opec members

INDIVIDUAL output estimates are as follows in millions of barrels per day (excluding condensate and natural gas liquids).

	OCT	SEPT	AUG	Q3	Q2	Q1
Algeria	0.73	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7
Libya	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Iran	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9
Iraq	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9
Qatar	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.09
UAE	1.15	1.15	1.15	1.15	1.15	1.15
Nigeria	1.65	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75
Qatar	0.35	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4
Saudi Arabia	5.5	5.2	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Venezuela	2.2	2.0	1.85	1.88	1.88	1.88
TOTAL	22.90	22.45	21.72	21.84	20.500	

Includes neutral zone

Council rapped

Speculation on market

LONDON, Nov. 1. (Reuters): Britain's High Court said today in the first ruling of its kind that a London Borough Council acted illegally by using billions of pounds of taxpayers' money to speculate on high-risk financial markets.

The decision was welcomed by the left-wing council for the Hammer-smith and Fulham district as it could cancel the huge bank debts it ran up after losing heavily on "swap market" dealings totalling £6.5 billion (\$10 billion).

The banks, owed about £100 million (\$158 million), were less than

"It is very worrying and it must be a unique situation. Counterparts must honour their debts except, it seems, when they are local authorities," one merchant banker said.

Midland Bank and Barclays Bank of Britain, Security Pacific National Bank and Chemical Bank of the United States and Mitsubishi Finance International of Japan had urged the high court not to outlaw the deals.

The two-judge panel, ruling in a case brought by municipal auditors, said playing the swap market was outside the council's mandate. Swap

deals involve separating interest on a loan from the principal and then trading only the interest.

The court said it would rule on the repayment issue later in the day.

Hammer-smith and Fulham had hoped its interest-rate swaps and options dealings would supplement its income and bypass painful spending restrictions imposed by Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's Conservative government.

Nikkei stock average: 3554.43 (+14.59)
Yen exchange rate: 142.87

Name of stock	CI	CA
Advanced Corp	4970	-10
Ajinomoto	2760	-20
Arista	1840	+10
Asahi	1970	-30
Asahi Glass	1230	+10
Asahi Ind	1030	+10
Asahi Kasei	1820	+10
Asahi Sec	1490	+10
Asahi Steel	2380	+20
Asahi Textile	3200	-10
Asahi Yama	2850	0
Asahi Yama	1760	+10
Asahi Yama	2240	-20
Asahi Yama	7200	-90
Asahi Yama	4970	-150
Asahi Yama	1490	-10
Asahi Yama	1890	+10
Asahi Yama	4540	-10
Asahi Yama	1930	-40
Asahi Yama	1470	-10
Asahi Yama	1700	+30
Asahi Yama	1870	-10
Asahi Yama	4540	-10
Asahi Yama	2240	-20
Asahi Yama	5400	-20
Asahi Yama	3390	0
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ACP editorial conference

Journalists of the French domestic news agency ACP (Agence Centrale de Presse) held their morning editorial conference in Paris yesterday. ACP's principal shareholder Robert Maxwell closed down the second French news agency after industrial action by journalists. (Reuters wirephoto)

Exchange chief warns of dangers

WASHINGTON, Nov. 1. (UPI): John Phelan Jr., chairman of the New York Stock Exchange, said the stock market is in danger of destruction unless steps are taken to limit the wild swings in share prices that have hit the investment world in an uproar, the Washington Post reported today.

In an interview with the newspaper, Phelan said, "a lot of people think it is a New York Stock Exchange issue. It is a national issue — liquidity in all markets and volatility in all markets. If it keeps up long enough, it is going to destroy the markets as a capital-raising mechanism, much less as a place where people can invest intelligently."

"It affects individual investors because they get frightened to death of this volatility that is there, and we don't blame them," he said. The comments by Phelan were made amid a groundswell of complaints about how waves of buying and selling ordered by computer programmes have produced wide swings in stock prices within minutes. Companies whose stocks are listed on the exchange, brokerage houses and large investment funds have said this trading technique injures a broad base of companies and investors.

Debate over the computerised trading was scheduled to move today from Wall Street to Washington, when Phelan was to meet in closed session with members of the house telecommunications and finance subcommittee. Tomorrow, Phelan will preside over the exchange's board of governors' meeting, from which he expects a Wall Street strategy to develop on how to deal with the market.

In New York, the stock market was mixed in early trading today, running into some resistance after yesterday's rally.

The Dow Jones average of 30 industrials slipped 2.05 in the first half hour of trading but turned higher to show a 6.35-point gain at 2,651.43 by 10.30 am EST (1530 GMT) one hour into the session.

In Sydney, shares finished slightly higher in subdued trading. Yesterday's 42-point surge on Wall Street failed to inspire local enthusiasm. The All Ordinaries index rose 2.5 to 1,648.7.

In Tokyo, high-speed intraday trading kept volume brisk but the key Nikkei index closed mixed after languishing most of the day. It ended up 14.99 at 35,564.43.

In Hong Kong, profit-taking pushed prices to a slightly lower close and dealers forecast the market would continue to consolidate over the next few days. The Hang Seng Index fell 3.61 to 2,721.68.

Gold prices declined

LONDON, Nov. 1. (AP): The US dollar rose against most major foreign currencies in quiet European trading today with some West German markets and all Italian markets closed for the All Souls' holiday. Gold prices were lower. Dealers said foreign exchange markets were waiting for Friday's release of new US employment figures for confirmation that the economy is slowing down.

"There isn't any clear trend," said a trader at a large Frankfurt bank.

In Tokyo, where trading ended before Europe's business day begins, the dollar rose 0.93 yen to a closing 143.08 yen. Later, in London, it was quoted at a higher rate of 143.45 yen.

Other dollar rates at midmorning compared with late Tuesday:

■ 1.8420 West German marks, up from 1.8410

■ 1.6175 Swiss francs, up from 1.6142

■ 6.2510 French francs, up from 6.2445

■ 2.0837 Dutch guilders, up from 2.0730

■ 1.30.50 Italian lire, up from 1.349.75

■ 1.7435 Canadian dollars, up from 1.742.

In London, the dollar gained against the British pound. It cost \$1.5770 to buy one pound, compared with \$1.5775 late Tuesday.

Gold opened in London at a bid price of \$373.70 a troy ounce, compared with Tuesday's \$377.75. At midmorning, the city's five major bullion dealers fixed a recommended price of \$373.60.

In Zurich, the bid price was \$373.95 compared with \$375.00 late Tuesday. Earlier, in Hong Kong, gold fell \$2.92 to close at a bid \$373.87. Silver was quoted in London at a bid price of \$5.18 a troy ounce, down from Tuesday's \$5.21.

Argentina to ask for debt reduction

BUENOS AIRES, Nov. 1. (AP): Argentina announced it will ask creditor banks to halve its foreign debt of \$64 billion — the third highest in the developing world.

The declaration, made by Economy Minister Nestor Rapanelli last night, is believed to be the first time an Argentine official of his stature publicly has called for the country's debt to be cut in half.

The Latin American nation has paid virtually nothing on its debt since early last year.

"Argentina aspires to reach a reduction of 50 per cent in the value of its external debt," Rapanelli said through his spokesman, Miguel Alurralde.

That position has been presented to foreign banks and US officials, Alurralde said.

Rapanelli met in August with US assistant Treasury Secretary David Mulford: Argentine negotiator Carlos Carballo was in Washington and New York this week to meet with creditor banks.

Jordan said today it has reached agreement with West Germany to reschedule nearly 77 million marks (\$42 million) in loans.

The signing follows the basic lines of an earlier agreement in principle reached with the Paris Club of governmental lenders. The United States, Denmark and Spain have signed similar pacts.

IDEAS BRIEFS

Saudi shares demand up: Investors have shown growing interest in purchasing shares inside Saudi Arabia, according to Ibrahim Al Tawq, president of the Riyadh Chamber of Commerce and Industry. Al Tawq told the Saudi daily Al-Jazirah that the increasing number of partnerships companies in the Arab kingdom provided the public with opportunities to purchase shares and earn profits. (UPI)

Gold prices shoot up: Gold prices in Dubai have shot up to dirhams 447 (\$121.24) per 10 grammes in what the Dubai-based Gulf News described yesterday, as "the highest level in several months."

The daily said the price of 10 grammes of gold rose by dirhams 20 (\$5.42) from the closing rate of dirhams 427 (\$115.81) a fortnight ago, to dirhams 447 (\$121.24) at Tuesday's close.

It said wholesale gold prices had also risen sharply during the past fortnight, and linked the rise to the fall of the dollar on international markets. (UPI)

Gulf tea import prices: Major tea brands in the Gulf are expected to raise retail prices by some 20 per cent after tea prices in India registered a 40 per cent increase imposed by the tea industry in India in September, the Dubai-based Gulf News reported on Thursday.

Gulf News quoted an Indian government official as saying there had been a tremendous shortage of tea in India, caused by bulk purchases from the Soviet Union. It said the Soviets have so far this year purchased some 135,000 tons of Indian tea, compared to 95,000 tons in 1988. (UPI)

KD deposits climb: Kuwaiti dinar deposit rates climbed yesterday in active trade after intervention by the Central Bank, dealers said. The authorities sold Treasury bills at 8-5/8 per cent, compared to rates usually around 8-3/8, and were giving one and three-month funds at around 8-3/8, dealers said.

They said this week's KD100 million treasury bill issue had also been well-received by banks. (Reuters)

Interest rates: Following are the average KD interest rates of local interbank transactions as reported by participants to Central Bank of Kuwait on Wednesday.

Period	Bid	Offered
1 month	8-3/8	8-5/8
3 months	8-3/8	8-5/8
6 months	8-5/16	8-9/16
1 year	8-5/16	8-9/16

Currency rates: Following are the international currency rates as quoted by local banks and announced by the Central Bank of Kuwait, on Wednesday.

	Buying	Selling
US dollar	0.29884	0.29999
Sterling	0.4697	0.4746
Deutsche mark	0.16115	0.1633
Swiss franc	0.1840	0.1861
French franc	0.04763	0.04817
Italian lira	0.002203	0.002228
Japanese yen	0.002082	0.002109
Bahraini Dinar	0.79240	0.7962
UAE dirham	0.08132	0.08175
Saudi riyal	0.07962	0.08004
Qatari riyal	0.08203	0.08249
Omani riyal	0.7757	0.7798

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BUSINESS

Rockefeller praises deal with Japan

Decision made by trust

NEW YORK, Nov 1. (Agencies): David Rockefeller yesterday defended the sale of Rockefeller Centre, symbol of American capitalism and New York, to a Japanese company, dismissing fears that Japan was taking over America.

Rockefeller also said the Japanese paid a good price — \$846 million — for a majority interest in the company that controls the landmark art deco office building and shopping centre.

Rockefeller's comments capped an emotional day for New Yorkers who woke up to learn that Japan's Mitsubishi Estate Company had bought a 51 per cent interest in the 22-acre (8.9 hectare) 19 skyscraper complex in the heart of New York.

While ordinary New Yorkers began having visions that the centre would be moved brick by brick to Tokyo or suddenly toss out its hot dog

stands and pubs in favour of sushi bars, Mayor Ed Koch said it wouldn't make a bit of difference to the city.

"Who cares," he said at a press conference. "There is absolutely nothing wrong with foreigners. I think the Dutch are the largest investors in New York and they keep it quiet."

Rockefeller went even further than the mayor in defending the deal that brings his wealthy family \$846 million more.

He praised the Mitsubishi family as having similar values to the Rockefellers, said the deal was a vote of confidence in New York as an international financial centre and would help the country.

"The Japanese are not taking over the country," he said, dismissing suggestions that the Japanese were snapping up one American landmark building or company after another thanks to a weak dollar and a powerful yen.

"People are concerned about the Japanese because they have done so well. I am convinced this will be a good thing for New York City. Some people will see this differently, but it has been 45 years since the end of World War II and the Japanese have proved themselves to be good citizens of this world."

Rockefeller said the decision to sell a majority of stock to Mitsubishi was made by the trust that control the Rockefeller company and not by the family.

He said the family did not even learn the final price until the deal was announced.

The deal gives Mitsubishi Estates, one of the world's largest real estate developers, a foothold in the US east coast that it did not have before. It also means that the Rockefeller company can expand its operations.

Rockefeller said Mitsubishi wanted to keep the company's present management. "They want to keep a very low profile."

And when asked if he foresaw sushi bars sprouting up all over the centre, Rockefeller smiled and said, "who can tell?"

But the deal is certain to raise fears among millions of Americans that their country is up for sale just the way foreigners began resending American investment in their own countries.

Developer William Zeckendorf, one of the master builders in the city, praised the deal.

"I think they bought the greatest commercial real estate property in the world. It's the best designed, the best located and best maintained. I think the Rockefellers did a great deal for themselves and Mitsubishi bought the best property," he told Reuters.

Asked if he had thought there was any reason for Americans to be alarmed at Japanese ownership of a landmark such as Rockefeller Centre, he said: "None whatsoever. They can't take it home with them."

"They made an investment. Most of the deals I do are made with Japanese partners or banks. We're dealing with the Japanese all the time. We find they are very good partners."

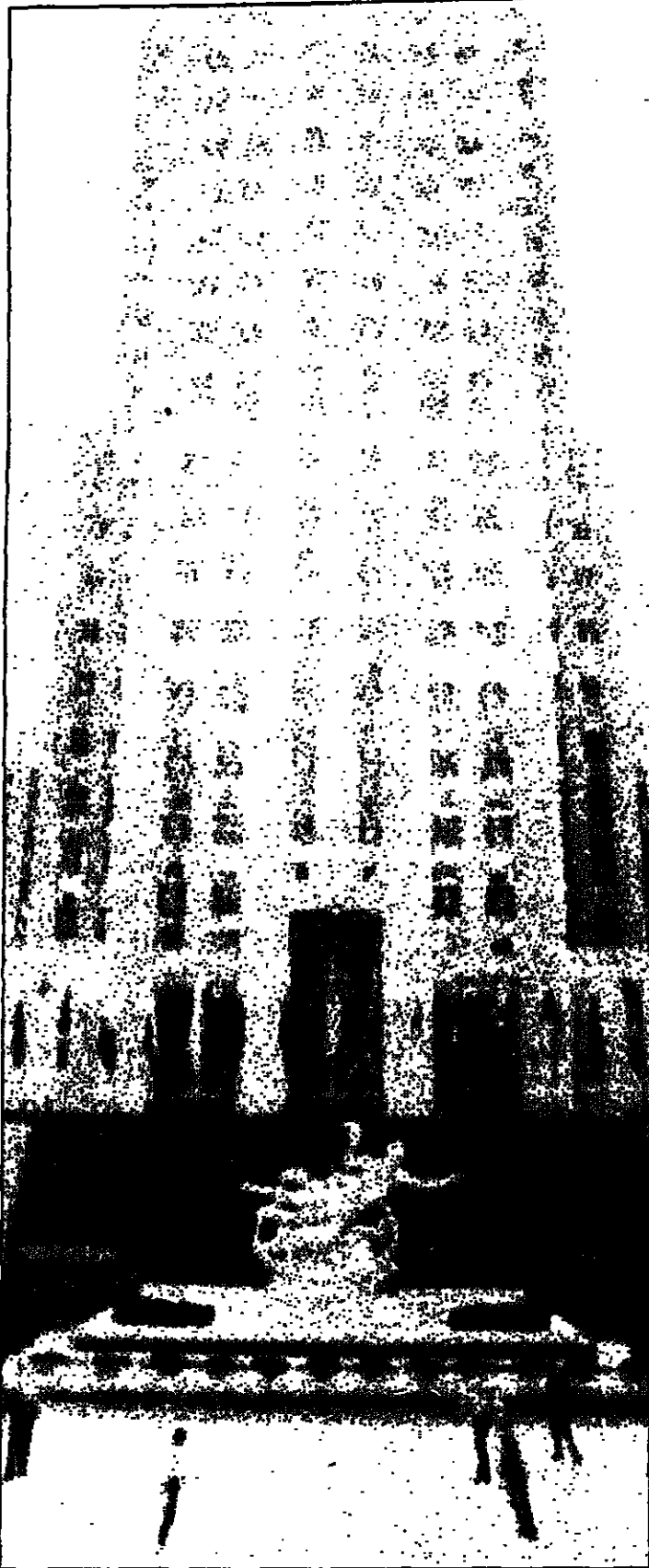
Meanwhile, the Japanese control of Rockefeller Centre is a "blow to our national pride" and a warning for all Americans, Senator Joseph R. Lieberman, Democrat of Connecticut said yesterday.



David Rockefeller

EXCHANGE RATES

Indian rupee	17.840
Sri Lanka rupee	7.590
Pakistani rupee	14.230
Bangladesh taka	9.210
US dollar	29990
Pound sterling	47375
UAE dirham	08162
Deutsche mark	16280
Japanese yen	002106



New York City's famed Rockefeller Centre

Soviets approve deficit budget

Price rise plan rejected

MOSCOW, Nov 1. (Agencies): The Soviet parliament forced the government to drop plans for sharp increases in the prices of beer, cigarettes and luxury goods when it approved yesterday the 1990 economic plan and budget.

Voting after two full days of discussion, members of the inner-parliament, the Supreme Soviet, approved by 357 votes to six the plan and budget, which provides for a halving of the state deficit to 60 billion roubles (\$96 billion).

However, deputies overwhelmingly rejected Finance Minister Valentin Pavlov's proposed 30 per cent increase in retail prices of tobacco and mark-ups for other items from beer to caviar.

"The implementation of the plan and budget will be of decisive importance," President Mikhail Gorbachev told deputies after the final vote. "We have to work harder than ever before."

Pavlov had proposed the hikes on Monday as a way of financing badly-needed social programmes, including allowing 18 months of paid child care leave, without adding to the deficit.

Members of the Supreme Soviet replied yesterday by complaining that such rises would hit

the strained budgets of working people and contravene recent Kremlin pledges that there would be no immediate rises in retail prices.

Under the formulation finally adopted, the deficit was left at 60 billion roubles, leaving it up to the government to find another way of coming up with the 2.97 billion roubles (\$4.6 billion) Pavlov estimated the increases would bring in.

The 1989 plan budgeted for a deficit of 36 billion roubles (\$59 billion), the first official admission that the government was spending more than it was earning.

Officials have since admitted the deficit is now running at 120 billion roubles (\$200 billion).

The Soviet Union's efforts to reduce bloated factory payrolls is leaving millions of people unemployed, with the jobless rate soaring to 27 per cent in some areas, Pravda said yesterday.

The Communist Party newspaper said it was past time for the Soviet Union, which has long styled itself the workers' paradise, to create unemployment insurance and retraining programmes like those of the West.

Boeing to build new plane

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov 1. (Reuters): Boeing, the world's largest maker of commercial aircraft, is considering building a new plane with at least one Japanese company contributing to the multi-billion dollar programme, a company source close to the discussions said yesterday.

The source said the company may build a new plane called the 767X, which is bigger than the 767 aeroplane and smaller than the 747.

But no definite plan to begin the 767X programme has been made, the source said.

"We have not made a commitment within the company to build the aeroplane," the source said.

Also, it is not definite that any Japanese companies would contribute if Boeing decides to build the plane.

Currently, three Japanese companies work with Boeing to make Boeing's 767 plane. They are Kawasaki Heavy Industries, and subsidiaries of Fuji Ltd and Mitsubishi Corporation.

The new 767X, if built, would compete with McDonnell Douglas' MD11 plane and the Airbus A330 and A340 planes which fill a niche in the medium long-haul market.

WASHINGTON, Nov 1. (AP): US manufacturing companies are generally optimistic about their prospects for the coming year, believing that the country will enjoy moderate growth and no recession, according to a survey released yesterday by an industry trade group.

The National Association of Manufacturers (NAM) said that a survey of 53 chief executives at US companies found that 61 per cent of them believe that the next recession will not start until 1991 or later.

While some economists are concerned about recent signs of weakness in the manufacturing sector, NAM President Jerry Jasnowski said those fears were not evident in the association's latest survey of its board of directors.

"It is significant that manufacturers, who know first hand the magnitude of the competitive challenges, are fundamentally optimistic about the future," Jasnowski told reporters at a briefing.

Assessing the risk in investments

Equity shares markets

By Tony Mustafa
Special to Arab Times

TO a far greater extent than in the cases discussed in the previous topics, we are, in this case in control of our own destinies in as much as we may choose in advance the degree of risk which we wish to subject ourselves to. In theory, the greater the risk factor the greater the potential profit but in practice it doesn't always work out that way.

However, to begin from the beginning, just what is meant by the term equities. Broadly speaking it means a fair and equitable share in the assets and profits of an enterprise according to the amount of money invested by the individual.

Let's suppose four men start a company with an initial capital of £100. One man puts in £50, two men £20 each and one man £10. Easy 50 per cent, 20 per cent, 20 per cent and 10 per cent.

However, two years later the company is worth £10,000 and now number 3 wants to get out. He sells his 20 per cent for £2000 and the buyer, although he's put up forty times as much capital as No 1 man, still only gets 20 per cent of the company.

Unfair? I hear the socialists mutter, but the original man did back a winner and expects to be paid out. ("That's capitalism, baby!")

The next question is, how does anybody arrive at a value of £10,000 for that company? There are, after all, a number of factors here in putting a value on the company, it is a matter of evaluating these — some pretty concrete, some not so concrete.

For instance, if the company is manufacturing an article in constant demand, such as a drug to treat a common ailment, it's likely to stay in business (is this a gut feeling?) whereas if it's producing blue movies, the police vice squad could close it down tomorrow. If it is forecasting increased profits for the coming year, that will count and, of course, if it occupies prime property in an up-and-coming area with modern plant and equipment, that will also feature in its equivalent value, hence its share value.

In jargon these factors are referred to as price earnings ratios, assets valuations and profit forecast. If it is seen as a prime take-over target that will also affect value as well as style and calibre of management and sales policy. (However, in the end analysis, the company and its shares are only worth what a buyer will pay for them and stockbrokers, merchant banks, pension funds, insurance companies etc, employ highly qualified and skill people to arrive at the market price. Perception of the intangibles change, of course, as the economic climate changes, hence bull and bear markets and many ruined breakfasts over the latest Financial Times or Wall Street Journal.

Of course the larger and long established companies with a very valuable asset base and high levels of liquid reserves (known as blue chip companies) are less likely to suffer as badly from swings in sentiment as the young, bustling and almost overtrading youngsters but then on an upsurge of confidence they are unlikely to benefit quite so much either!

In terms of classifying risks, then, in regard to equity investment, it runs from the medium, somewhat below property, in the blue chip equities right the way through to very high in the case of start-up situations, unlisted companies and, dare I say it, Australian mining shares!

Even above that you have still got options, commodity futures, the race track and roulette.

How to cut down on the risks without destroying the profit potential? You could, for instance, purchase a portfolio of the thirty major UK blue chip companies. Thereby exactly mirroring The Financial Times Index — your risk factor will be fairly low and so will the profits you make, I would suggest. Smaller companies tend to grow faster than giant brothers and there's the whole of the vigorous Far East/Asian markets to choose from plus some very good bargains to be had in America and some Australian mining shares have and will continue to perform handsomely in 1990.

But how do you choose them? You don't. You leave the choice to those best qualified to make it, the investment analysts employed by the institutions for that purpose.

The computer revolution allied with modern

communication systems make world-wide stock market data available throughout the world in seconds and a manager in London or Luxembourg can buy or sell shares in Sydney in matter of minutes.

However, the Lord never made a plum without putting a stone in it! It is almost impossible to find a big true international stockbroking firm who are willing to give a full day-to-day management service to private clients who have under £100,000 or £200,000 to invest.

What will happen next? I hear you gasp in suspense!

Enter, stage left, our good friend the Unit Trust/Mutual Fund manager, wreathed in smiles and exuding good cheer and bonhomie. He will find a way round this impasse.

A Unit Trust (British terminology) or Mutual Fund (American) in reality nothing more than a co-operative investment fund where a group of "smaller" investors, by pooling their savings in a common fund, have a "pot" large enough to be able to afford full-time management. Very often they started out as investment clubs and grew to such a size, often very rapidly, that they began to vie with the insurance companies and pension funds.

Robeco, the Dutch company, started in exactly this fashion soon after the 1929 crash on Wall Street. In Britain and America they didn't really become popular until the late 1950s, early 60's. Their childhood was not without trauma either, as anyone old enough to remember the Investors Overseas debacle will testify.

They are now of such a size and popularity that strict legislation exists as to how they must be run. They must have trustees of impeccable reputation who oversee their management and custodians of their securities i.e. share certificates, bonds and liquid cash, who are usually the major banks.

They aim to achieve a high security/low risk profile, by a fairly wide spread of investment into different companies' shares, often on a world-wide scale.

This security was brought home to me very forcibly one year after I entered the industry. I had been engaged in the sale and promotion of onshore Unit Trusts and investment bonds (an insurance company variant) for about six months and my favourite was a managed bond — a mixture of equities, commercial property and gilts — offered by JH Vavasseur Life.

Low and behold! The merchant banking parent, JH Vavasseur went into liquidation in December 1973 and I thought "what have you got yourself into here?" To my great relief the unit price in the managed fund went up 2 per cent in that very week. The system worked. J.H.V. life went to become Vanburgh Life, owned by the mighty Prudential and have recently been renamed Prudential Hillborn and is a major force in the onshore UK market.

Back to assessing risk. In this medium the risk rating runs from low, through medium to high depending on the fund you choose to invest in. Unless you are thoroughly familiar with the principles and practice of the various Unit Trust group, I suggest to make use of the services of a financial adviser and, as discussed in the introductory article to this series, there are a number of these available.

Units bought from the Unit Trust group, and you have the benefit of his knowledge and experience as well as the satisfaction of having a target for your wealth when unit prices go down.

One client once bought me a reference (not about when that person started to remember it, I wish Seriously though, one glance at the vast plethora of Unit Trusts quoted in the various financial papers, resident abroad, money management etc, will illustrate the need for guidance for all but the very experienced investor.

In fact, the whole market has become so complex and varied that you now have management groups managing the selection of managers — Umbrella Funds, Discretionary Managed Services, Mirror Funds etc.

I will deal with the main recent developments in this aspect in my next article in which I will also look at some high-risk investments.

Overseas Finance Services

Bombay shares

Bombay Stock Exchange prices (Rs) Nov 1					
Pr. Cl.	Open	Close	High	Low	Settle
ACC Chem	306	305	302	298	298
Alum Chem	—	—	—	—	—
Alum Nila	—	—	—	—	—
Art Fab	—	—	—	—	—
Ashtok Ley	87	87	90	86	86
Asia Paint	202.50	202.50	206.25	200	200
Atlas Cop	49	49	47	46	46
Auto Corp	34	34	32	31	31
Nat Index	391.72	391.72	392.44	389	389
Bajaj Auto	337.50	338.75	338.75	335	335
Bar Rayon	790	805	802.50	785	785
Basu Plast	—	—	—	—	—
Bom Day	127	132	138	125	125
BK Bond	—	98	100	96	96
Burr Wel	90	87.50	92.50	86	86
Cambare	—	—	—	—	—
Can Enka	3225	3200	3240	3180	3180
"Index for 31/10"	—	—	—	—	—
Cen Spg	2410	2415	2430	2400	2400
Colgate	188.75	188.75	190	187	187
Crompt Gr	13	11	12	10	10
DCM	30	29.75	29	28	28
Deep Fert	71	70	73	69	69
Dunlop	102	101	101	100	100
El Hotels	63	62	64	61	61
Exports	77.50	77.50	77	76	76
BSE Index	753.79	746.58	746.58	740	740
Eksayel	117.50	115	117.50	114	114
Food Spt	110	111.25	108.75	107	107
Forbes	48	48	48	47	47
Gar Poly	39	38	38	37	37
Gillette	102	101	101	100	100
GNFC	33.50	33.50	32.75	32	32
Grasim	110	108	107	106	106
"Index for 31/10"	—	—	—	—	—
CE Shps	46	45.75	45.50	45	45
GSFC	175	173.75	180	172	172
Guj Altd	73	72.50	73.75	72	72
Guj Heavy	11	10	11	9	9
Hera Hoods	19	17	18	16	16
Hind Ciba	990	990	980	970	970
Hind Lever	108.50	108.50	107.50	106	106
Hind Cocoa	132.50	132.50	132.50	131	131
Hind Motor	24.75	24.50	24.75	24	24
Hindalco	280	282.50	277.50	275	275
Hoechst	1365	1390	1370	1350	1350
Ingersoll	405	400	405	395	395
ITC	70	69	69	68	68
Ind Org	50.75	50.50	51	50	50
Ind Rayon	87	87	86.50	86	86
Indrol	240	238.75	240	237	237
IR Sy	64	64	64	63	63
Kin Engg	128.75	130	127.50	126	126
Kir Cumm	71.25	68.75	71.50	68	68
KSB Pumps	195	190	195	185	185
L & T	91.50	91	98.50	89	89
Laxmi	94	94	93.50	92	92
Mac Russel	140	136.25	140	134	134
Mad Coats	—	—	—	—	—
Mahindra	103	101	100.50	100	100
Mesa Share	16.15	15.85	16	15	15
Mico	690	700	690	680	680
Milkfood	205	200	207.50	195	195
Modi	79	78	80	77	77
MRF Ltd	335	332.50	330	325	325
MRF Ltd	140	140	140	138	138
Nat Org	1240	1240	1230	1220	1220
Nat Org	—	—	—	—	—
Nippon	50	50	48	47	47
Orissa	16.50	16.50	16.75	16	16
Oswal Agro	75	76.50	75	74	74
Peco	21.50	21	22	20	20
Pfizer	75.50	74	75	73	73
Pond's	61.50	61.50	61.50	61	61
Prem Auto	176.25	172.50	172.50	170	170
Ranbaxy	85	82.50	90	80	80
Ray Wool	67.50	63.75	67.50	62	62
Reliance	191.25	187.50	195	185	185
Sesa Gao	94	92.50	95	90	90
Shaw Wall	73	70.50	76	68	68
Shree Cam	—	—	—	—	—
Shri Fib	55	53	55	52	52
Siemens	76	74	76	73	73
SKF	1310	1290	1300	1280	1280
Sie	46.75	46.75	45.50	45	45
Si Mills	510	500	500	490	490
Tata Oil	67.50	65	67.50	64	64
Tata Chem	120.50	120	120	118	118
Tata Pow	375	372.50	365	360	360
Telco	1060	1060	1058.5	1050	1050
Thapp Agro	—	—	—	—	—
Tisco	121	121.50	120.50	120	120
Van Org	162.50	165	163.75	162	162
Vardh	23.75	23.75	22.50	22	22
Volvo	990	925	910	900	900
Winco	26.25	25.75	26	25	25
Zenith	54	53	55	52	52
Zuari Agro	76	76	76	75	75

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Happy birthday



Aileen Rose Tolosa celebrated her 7th birthday on November 1. Belated greetings from parents, April Marie and Uncle Capt. Aileen goes to the Carmel School.



Abdul Karim celebrated his 6th birthday on November 1. Belated greetings from parents, friends and family. Abdul Karim goes to the Indian School and likes drawing and painting.



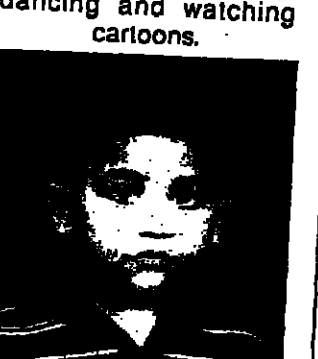
Farhat Fatema Khan celebrated her 6th birthday today, November 2. Happy birthday from parents, family and friends. Farhat likes playing, dancing and watching cartoons.



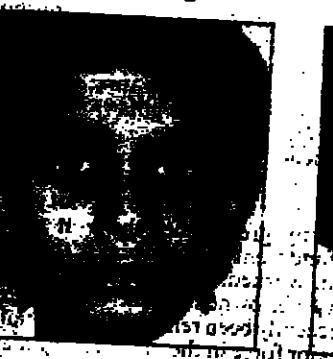
Samran Jootawala celebrates his 9th birthday today, November 2. Happy birthday from parents, family and friends. Samran goes to the Indian School and likes breakdancing.



Manal Haque celebrates her 1st birthday today, November 2. Happy birthday from parents, family and friends. Manal likes watching TV especially Adhan dancing.



Jerin Jose celebrates his 3rd birthday on November 3rd. Happy birthday from Papa, mummy, relatives and friends. Jerin likes music and dancing.



Sameer M. Khan celebrates his 12th birthday on November 4. Happy birthday from parents, family and friends. Sameer likes swimming, cycling and watching TV.



Asha Prakash celebrates her 10th birthday on November 5. Happy birthday from parents, family and friends. Asha goes to the Indian School and likes reading, swimming and music.



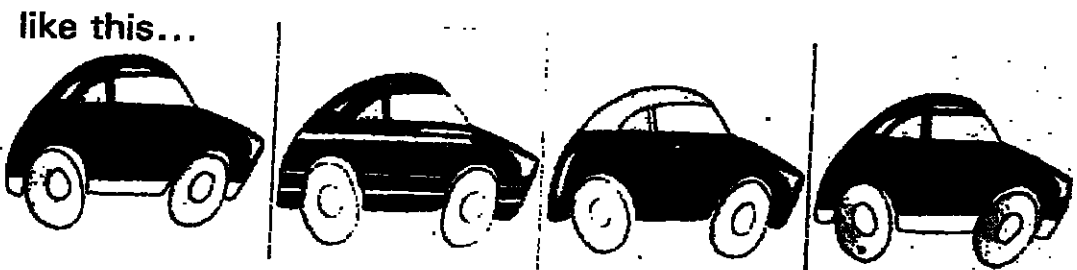
Melissa Fernandes celebrates her 8th birthday on November 6. Happy birthday from parents, family and friends. Melissa goes to the Carmel School and likes watching nature.

Can you read what this postcard says?

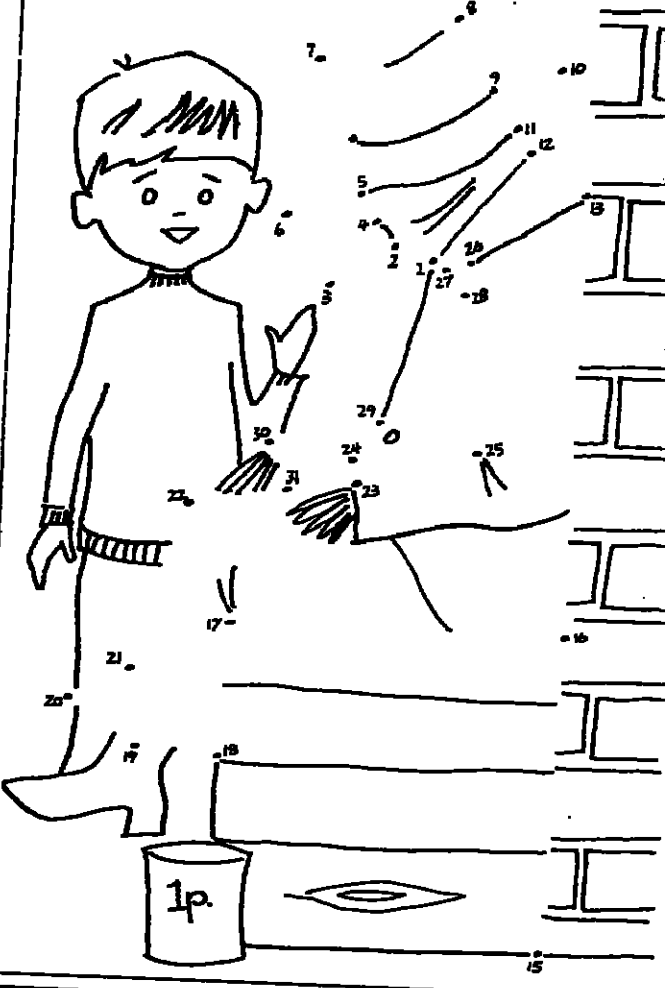
Auntie We R staying in a by the 2 day walked the along a through some and up a steep There was a at the where bought this 4U. CU soon. love

See if you can write your own coded postcard using pictures and letters.

Look at the pictures in the row and find another..



Dot-to-dot November.



Put an X on the doll.



The American School Kuwait

To celebrate Halloween, the elementary section of the American School Kuwait held a Halloween dress-up parade. Look at all of the wonderful children. Do you recognise your friends. Can you name what each one is wearing?



Wicked Witch.



Superman



Little Red Riding Hood, Spiderman, a King and a pig!



Bugs Bunny, a policeman, a soldier and Batman.



A skeleton, a pirate and Tweety.



A clown, Pink Panther and a bunny.

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The Indian Art Circle's



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Dear Junior Readers,

The Romans, for whom November was the ninth month (its name comes from the Latin word novem, nine), considered November 11 the beginning of winter. Although real winter for us does not begin till much later!

"Remember, remember the fifth

of November. "Everyone knows about Guy Fawkes. He was a Yorkshireman who joined in a plot to blow up the House of Parliament. He hid thirty-six barrels of gunpowder in a cellar under the House of Lords, and what a bang that would have made, if the plot hadn't been discovered. Guy Fawkes was arrested and executed and although he showed

great courage the British have been making models of him and burning him on bonfires ever since.

Today, Julie describes Bonfire's night from the fires point of view.

All those who did not appear in the Halloween pictures look out for the pictures in the next Junior Times....

Manal

The Bonfire

By Julie Hodgson

THE bonfire waited patiently for the man in charge of the celebrations to set him on fire. The bonfire had waited two weeks, he started off just a small pile of newspapers, then the boys and girls of the village began to put old chest of drawers, boxes, and old lamp shades on until it could just about reach the stars. Right on top of the bonfire they sat a Guy Fawkes, he was stuffed with old newspapers, and had a funny mask on left over from Halloween.

The smell of hot dogs and soup drifted around the field, the people queuing to buy them. One little boy threw a banger at the bonfire. For a moment, the bonfire thought it had begun to burn, but no it had not. Just then, the man who was in charge took out a box of matches and lit the bonfire, all people stood back and watched as the bonfire burst into flames. It was burning well and the bonfire let out some beautiful colours.

Rockets soared in to the sky and exploded with a mass of colours, Catherine wheels spun round and spat out, yellow and red sparks.

John Eric and his big sister Julie held on tightly to sparklers, while their parents watched them, Julie found out that if you turned your hand round and round it made a lovely pattern.

"Look," shouted John Eric and pointed to the bonfire, which of course was ablaze by now. The Guy Fawkes had started to burn, his mask was beginning to melt. The boys and girls thought that the bonfire was so high and burning so fierce, that it could melt the stars. Dozens and dozens of fire works lit up the sky, bursting into colours, it seemed that they would never end. The bonfire kept on burning until all the people had gone home, it slowly died down around dawn, and smoldered until the sun was up on that cold November day.

Just before the bonfire went completely out it thought "I hope I'm just as big next year."



THE week-long children's competition at the IAC for various events has proved to be a great success as the number of participants for each event ranged from 50 to 1000!

The spirit and enthusiasm prevailed among

the students showed the need for such healthy competitions among the schools.

The results of the heats of all events will be announced on November 17 at the IAC hall in a special function.

Young poet

The beauty of nature



Ayesha Sufi, J 3A International School of Pakistan.

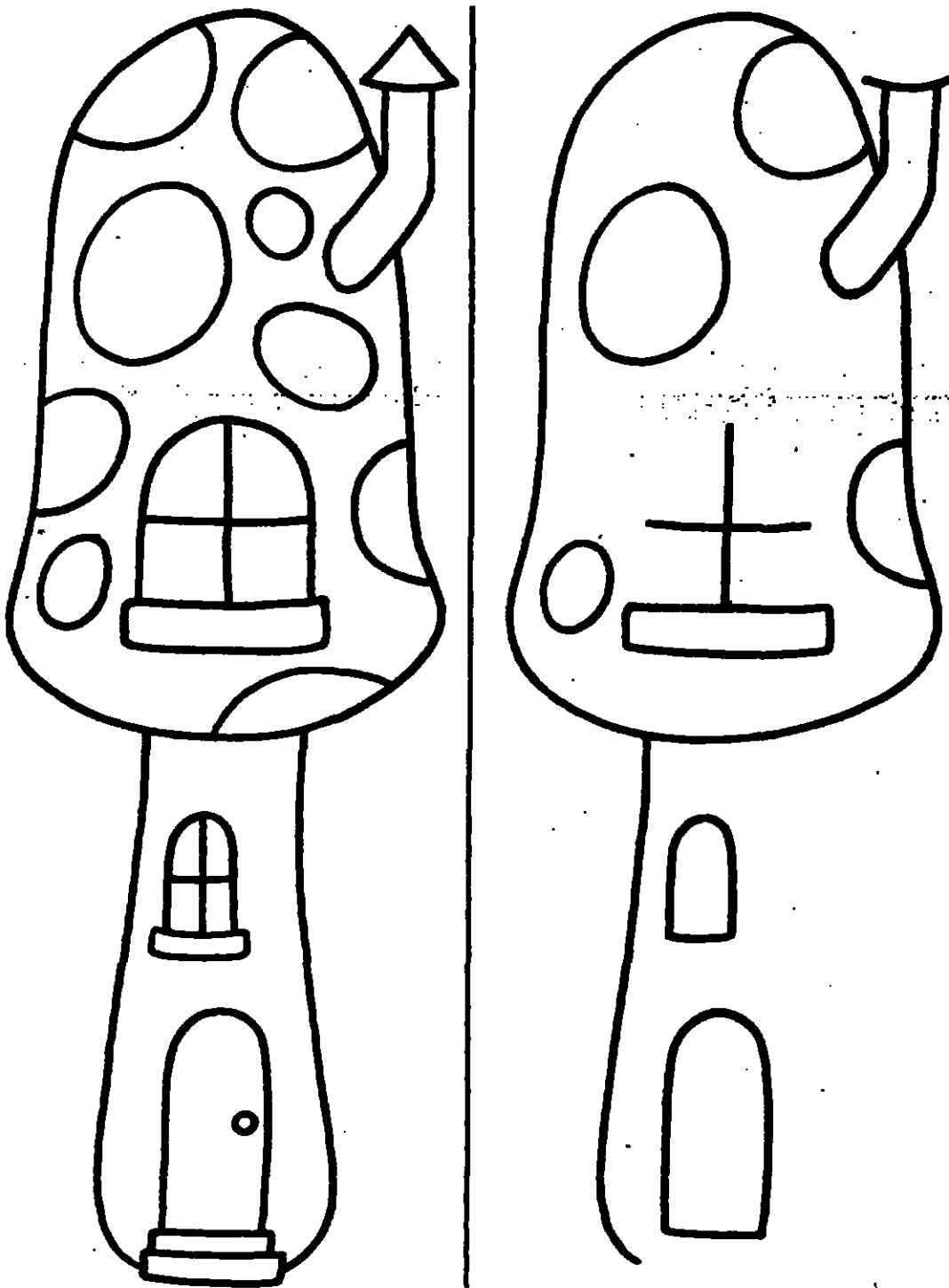
Rain

Rain, rain,
It's going to rain.
Come out everybody and see what's going on,
The sky is hiding,
Because of clouds.
Tip, Tip, Tip,
The rain has come.
Some are staying at home,
Looking out the window.
Oh, what a pleasant day.
Now the rain is fast,
And after sometime,
The weather becomes cold,
Everybody has gone in,
and the day was very good.

Moon, Moon

I can see you,
Shining on the sky.
Why are you lost in the morning?
I think you hate the heat.
Oh, Dear moon
I love to come to you.
Sometimes you come before sunset,
And sometimes afterwards,
Sometimes you are a full moon,
And sometimes you are a half moon,
Oh, moon I love to come to you.

Draw in the rest of the picture. Colour them both.



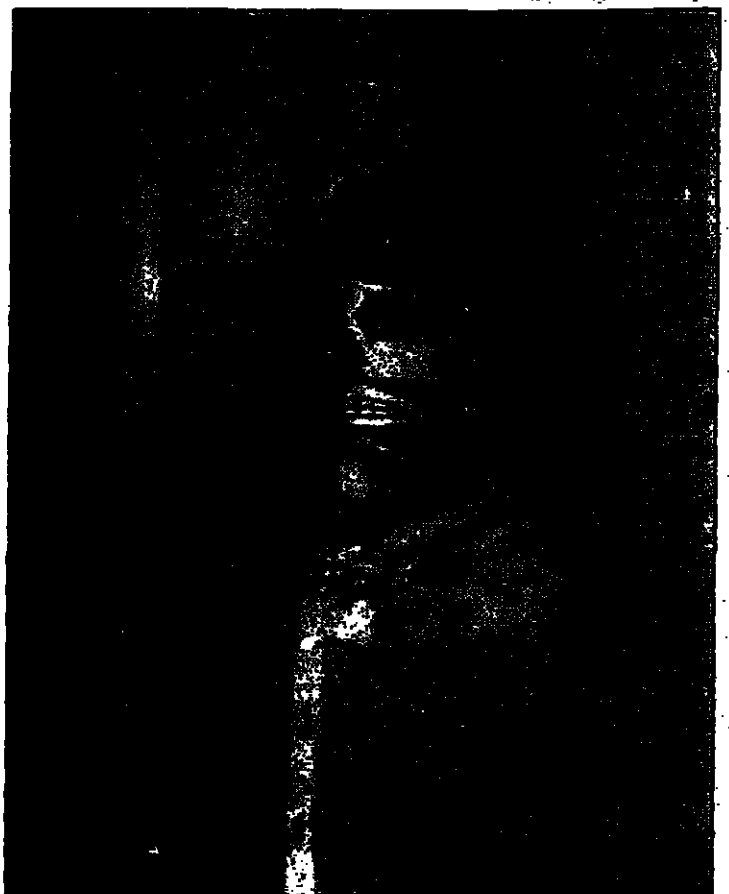
fancy dress competition



Devil dancer



Assamese



Scarecrow



Chef

Word search

SOAP FEVER

ACTOR	EMOTION	LIVE	PART	STORY
RED	FASHION	LOUD	PARTY	STUNT
CHARACTER	GAY	LOVE	PAST	TAPE
COMMERCIALS	HAIR	MAKE UP	PIN	TELL
CRY	HATE	MARRIAGE	PLAYER	TEMPER
DAY	INTERESTING	MEMORIZE	PRODUCER	THEME
DESIGNER	LAUGH	MUSIC	SCENE	TIME
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VARIETY

Black Rain No. 1

New police thriller

By Brian Hollis

THE Number 1 film at the American box office over the past few weeks has been a new police thriller starring Michael Douglas called "Black Rain." Director Ridley Scott of "Blade Runner" fame, has moved jets from Los Angeles to Osaka, where this film is shot against the backdrop of dark, wet streets and sombre high-tech 21st Century buildings. Douglas plays a New York police detective under investigation for skimming drug money, who tries to save his job by agreeing to accompany a Japanese gangster he has captured back to Japan. When he and his sidekick (Andy Garcia) lose their prisoner at the Osaka airport, they must work with a local policeman (Ken Takakura) to get him back. Though ignorant of the language and displaying a minimal level of intelligence, Douglas manages to recapture his prisoner and rout a counterfeiting ring by the finale. Fans of Rambo and Die Hard should find this one a good follow up in a similar vein.

Freston Tucker was a headline name in 1948. A dreamer and a rebel, he designed and built tomorrow's car today, but was crushed by America's car-making giants and the politicians who protected them. Now Francis Ford Coppola and George Lucas have teamed up to make a film about the man they tried to write out of the history books. "Tucker - The Man and His Dream." All the basics - his early days, falling in love, marriage and the first steps on the ladder to success - are covered in a three-minute prologue at the start of the film. From then on, the film tends to concentrate not on Tucker (admirably played by Jeff Bridges), but on his dream machine. His 40's design for a revolutionary car included a padded dashboard, seat belts, pop out windows, fuel injection and disc brakes - all features incorporated much later by the big manufacturers. But aware of the threat that the launch of this car posed to them, the Detroit manufacturers used politics and journalism to discredit him. With the aid of a brilliant lawyer, Jim, he fought for the rights of the little man in America's free enterprise system. Although one would have liked more insight into the genius of this likeable, decent guy, the film is a very enjoyable watch.

"How to get Ahead in Advertising" is a new British black comedy starring Richard Grant. Dennis Bagley is a top advertising executive with problems. He has promised to deliver a brilliant campaign for a new pimple cream, and the deadline is fast



Michael Douglas in 'Black Rain.'

Last true blues great B.B. King excels

BLUES as a music form originated in America. It's origin can be traced to the beginning of this century when black negroes living in very harsh and extreme conditions in the cruel racial system that existed at the time took their refuge in music, singing about the hardships and hopelessness of their situation; and thus blues music was born. It's such an environment that produced B.B. King, now 63 years old and widely regarded as the king of blues who began as a boy picking cotton in the fields of Mississippi and now picks his guitar around the concert halls of the world. Influenced by early blues greats like T-Bone Walker, Blind Lemon Jefferson and Chuck Berry, the teen-age B.B. King found himself an acoustic guitar (there were no electric guitars at that time) and began playing on the streets surviving on tips and hand-outs. It did not take long for the in-born musical genius of B.B. King to be spotted by Sonny Roy Williamson, himself a great blues player. Sonny Roy gave B.B. King his first break in music and the rest is history. Constantly experimenting and exploring new areas, B.B. King has formed his own special brand of blues music which is an amalgam of urban blues, gospel, soul, jazz and big band music. Here in this one hour video concert, the talents of possibly the last of a true blues great can be seen and heard. B.B. King sings and plays his trusty old guitar (famous Lucille) through such blues greats as "Everyday I Have the Blues", "Inflation Blues" and an excellent cover of the Elvis Presley hit "Love me Tender", plus many more. Eurovision Vol. 1 Eurovision Vol. 1 is a compilation of European hits mostly French, Italian and Latin songs. Vanessa Paradis, France Gall, Gipsy Kings are some of the featured artists. Also includes the big summer holiday hit "Lambada" by Kaoma. By Johnson Gilbert, Music videos available at the Video Club, Salimya, Tel: 5724372

approaching. But Bagley is actually poised on the verge of a major breakthrough. When he begins to sing out his gathering mental crisis and mental block by attributing the blame to his profession, he begins to acquire a huge talking ball on his neck. In a Jeckyll and Hyde battle for Bagley's soul, the ball starts to gain the upper hand. It's an exhaustingly talky piece, and very well acted by Grant and his wife (Rachel Ward). Not exactly mainstream fare, but interesting. "Five Corners" is an off-beat urban drama for discerning viewers. Jodie Foster stars as a

young girl threatened by local bully Heinz, who has just been let out of jail for attempting to rape her. Her nice but naive boyfriend is weak and unworried, so Linda goes to Harry for protection. It was Harry who saved her last time, but now he has become a pacifist follower of Martin Luther King, and wishes to help Heinz. Meanwhile, a local teacher is found murdered with a bow and arrow, and two teenage girls disappear. The above films are available from The Video Club in Salimya, Salimya, Farwaniya and Fintax, Tel: 5724372.

Big Brother has a future

Joplin's group joins road show

BIG Brother and the Holding Company, the group Janis Joplin made famous, has joined the roster of reunited 1960s rock groups on a big 1989 road show sweeping the United States. Unlike other bands now touring on a wave of 1960s nostalgia, Big Brother, which regrouped two years ago, is showing itself to be a band that not only has a past, but a future as well. Big Brothers and the Holding Company was one of the trademark groups of 1960s rock, reaching stardom with Joplin as its lead singer. The band was formed to play one of the San Francisco trips festivals and was powered by a surging rhythm section and guitarists who epitomised the ragged structure and raspy, metallic tone of psychedelic rock. Big Brother worked as the house band at San Francisco's Avalon ballroom until Chet Helms, the transplanted Texan who ran the place, found Joplin to front the band. She brought the house down at the 1967 Monterey pop festival and in 1968 "Cheap Thrills" became the number one album in the United States. Joplin was a volcanic force with a sexually charged style matched only by Jim Morrison of The Doors, her doomed male counterpart of the era. Joplin, who later died of a drug overdose, was too marketable a commodity to stay with such a happy-go-lucky outfit. She was persuaded to leave Big Brother for a more commercial band. Her most memorable work was with that band. Big Brother continued on without her before disbanding in 1972 with the members going their separate ways. Guitarist James Gurley moved to Palm Desert, California, where he played bass and lead guitar in a number of local bands.

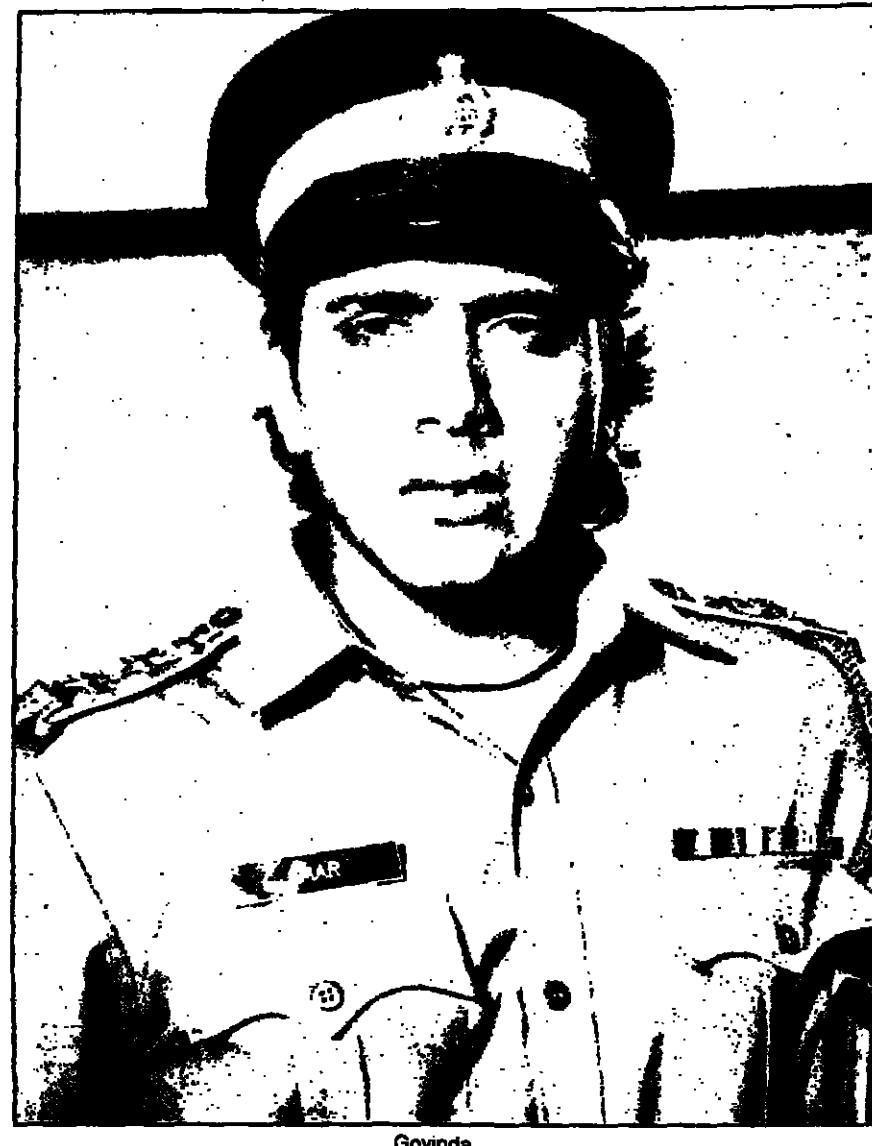
Bassist Peter Albin and drummer David Getz stayed in the San Francisco area. Guitarist Sam Andrew left along with Joplin and recorded the "Kozmic Blues" album with her. "It's funny the way it turned out," he said. "The Kozmic Blues band, which I was in, and the Full Tilt Boogie band after that, were both kind of pedestrian affairs. It was real artificial. If she had lived, I think she would have found a niche, but she was so ill and everything was so chaotic. It wasn't real enough for her. "Everything was being set up for her. With Big Brother there was a kind of magic, I think, because people weren't expecting it. After that, people were expecting it and forcing it, which takes away the spontaneity. After Joplin died, Andrew stayed around the New York area, playing with various bands, avoiding the spotlight. He lost touch with the other members of the band, but in the 1980s he moved west again and renewed the friendship. "We had all been wanting to reunite for a long time," said Andrew. "We got together in a rehearsal studio in Mill Valley and it clicked right away... we were faced with the question: are we going to take this forward or do the old stuff?" They decided on a combination of the two, and advertised in the San Francisco Examiner for a singer. "We should have made a video of that audition," said Andrew with a small laugh. "They were coming in dressed like Janis, wearing the same clothes copied from photographs. It was a lot of theatre. Some of them had good voices, but we really didn't want to go in that direction. "Janis was a one-of-a-kind thing. It's hard to believe how

good she was. Her voice was incredible. We listen to tapes sometimes and it's amazing how great they sound. "The auditions continued until Michelle Bastian walked in and sang "Piece of My Heart" with no apologies to Joplin. Big Brothers had found its new lead singer. "She came from east Oakland, where a lot of people have that gospel sound. She had a lot of vocal training and knows how to keep from blowing her voice out. She has an interesting voice, somewhere between an alto and a mezzo-soprano. Bastian was aware of the difficulties facing someone trying to step into Joplin's slippers. "The guys told me they didn't want me to try to sound like Janis," she said. "It wouldn't work anyway. If you study her singing, you realise there will never be another singer like that. "At a recent show at the New York club Wetlands Preserve, the Big Brother band members - with their hallmark shoulder-length hair cut short and neatly groomed - looked more like a folk group than a rock band. But the audience was into the time warp. Young boys stood transfixed watching Gurley and Andrew wrench out authentic acid-rock guitar leads while schoolgirls danced to the sinuous 6/8 rhythms woven by Gurley and Albin. Bastian sang inside the band arrangements rather than trying to take on Joplin's larger-than-life stage presence or gut-wrenching blues style. The crowd's most enthusiastic reaction was reserved for the "Cheap Thrills" material, especially "Piece of My Heart" and "Ball and Chain. "That was an amazing response," said Andrew after the show.

Stars try to wear a new look

By Firoze Rangoonwalla

"OLD stars for new" could well be the sales cry of the latest dealers in illusion material for celluloid. Star faces have not only become too familiar but also jaded, faded and aged looking. Something desperate is needed to pull them up and give them a new look. That has arrived in the shape of a variety of wigs, contact lenses, beards, weird hair-styles, bleaching, blonding and what not! The days of the traditional cosmetics are numbered. No more thick red lip-stick, and mascara to match the gown. The "in" thing now is the fascinating lenses and breath-taking wigs. Almost all important stars now insist on a wig, preferably imported from some specialist in Hollywood, London, New York or Paris. When the stars go there on tours, they make their purchases (later charged to the producers) and also arrange deals for the future. The elder stars are the first to go in for the new-fangled devices. Hema Malini took red and blonde wigs for disco or disguise sequences, which made her look young and modern. In any case Hema has been using wigs all her life on the screen. She has a very broad and steep forehead, with the hair-line starting high up. It would look ugly before the camera, specially in close-ups. It did so in a rare film like "Khushbu", where Hema dispensed with the wig. Otherwise, she always insists on it and chooses from a large variety to suit the particular character. There was once a joke going that the difference between a commercial star like Hema and an art film actress like Smita Patil is that one keeps the wig up and the other lets the hair down. Among other old heroines, Sharmila Tagore, Mumtaz, Asha Parekh were very fond of wigs, as they had short hair which would be a hat stylists nightmare come true. So the wigs helped them to have a luxurious sexy look, though it kept changing in different scenes. This was adopted in various ways by the new heroines of 70's and 80's. The males only wore it for mature roles. Some noteworthy cases are the wigs worn by Sri Devi in "Guru", Anil Kapoor in "Eeshwar", Amitabh in "Shahenshah", Dilip Kumar in "Yahudi", Zeenat Aman in "Chhaila Babu" and "Hare Rama Hare Krishna" etc. In every second film, there are some strange tribals or gypsies, to do surprising feats or dances. The stars have to join them. So wig becomes the first aid in the overall make-up scheme. At times, the script demands a dramatic change in appearance, for not being recognised winning over someone or taking revenge. In "Khoon Bhari Maang", wigs helped to change Rekha from an ugly gawky creature to an ultra-mod charmer. Saira Banu almost became a European girl in "Purab Aur Paschim". Historicals also rely on wigs to give an aura to their ancient characters, like Hema and Dharmendra in "Razia Sultan". A Negro's get-up invariably calls for intricate wig and make-up. When a star plays double or triple (or nine) roles, the aged characters have to don wigs to become fathers or grandpas. Old age at once means wig and whitener. But horror also calls for it and a character can be made to look very frightful. That's why nowadays, villains have become the biggest customers of wigs. They have to look different, too, otherwise nobody would be impressed by their cruel, crooked deeds. Anupama Kher and Amish Puri too have to cover their bald heads, but Gulshan Grover takes great pains in making his mug look cruelly different every time. Some producers are experts at giving the striking kind of get-up. Even Bombay's popular actors look new in Madras films. But Bollywood has got some of the most natural wig makers like S. Kabir, Victor Pereira, Anil - Pradeep etc. The film maker has to explain the character and script situations to them, then they come out with wonderful wigs. For example, where would star Raj Kumar be if the wig was not invented. The baldy actor hides the fact as well as his head and many are the hilarious instances when he was caught with his wig down and had to go in hiding. Pran also has very scant hair and he gets "into" character only with an apt wig. Indian craftsmen buy human hair from the temples where devotees get shaven, plus some animal hair, wool and imported material like nylon hair, nets, caps and needles. Like the human head, the wig too needs shampoo, hair-dye, lotions and driers. Fully imported wigs cost up to half a lakh rupees. Contact lenses of different colours are also in great demand, ever since Sri Devi got so much success in "Nagina". Some eye specialists and lens clinics have sprouted up, near film colonies. First, the idea was to avoid wearing glasses, now women want to look more alluring by fitting these on the eyes. Soft and semi-soft lenses made from silicone and other jelly-like material are very comfortable and safe for heroines, though they don't last long or correct any eye defects. Transparent plastic lenses also act as a covering against hard rays or other substances that may fog or obscure vision. As more and more actresses are going in for them, we can expect the poor producers to add one more item to their already heavy budget... bills for consulting specialists and making of special lenses.



Govinda



Sangeeta (centre) considers herself superior.

right to put a ban on our assignments. I am energetic young star and can do any number of films. I said let them restrict the number of shifts per day. I also offered to cut my fee equal to the penalty which a good producer would have to pay for breaking the ban. What is so silly about it? Q. But there is something like industry discipline. A. Where is the discipline? Producers themselves came to us and cursed the ban. They were fighting among themselves. Q. As a comparative newcomer, could you not control the temptation of many films and little attention on roles? You could have set a good example. A. No please. Tomorrow, if I am thrown out of the industry, will the producers' associations help me and my family? A star's life is short. You don't know when you will have a series of flops and you are left with not a single active film. In which profession, will people refuse to accept work which keeps coming? After all, it's we who are working more and harder. About acting, it is up to the director to get the best possible work from the star, on the basis of a good and a ready script.

Star slips

Rekha: Now we stars get drivers and servants who look like a mixture of Shatrughan Sinha and some local goondas. Sangeeta Bijani: I don't know if Govinda, Amish Khan, Rishi Kapoor are shorter or taller than me. I have never stood next to them, shoulder to shoulder and measured their height with mine. Deepthi Naval: We have come into times, when even actresses like Vijay Shanti are given over importance. It is shameful. Kim: Talent and sex-appeal go together in the making of a star. Glamour counts a lot. If that was not the case, even Deepthi Naval would have been a star. Jaya Prada: You may call Aadiya a flop or a raw actor now. But the day is not far when he will be among our finest actors and popular stars. Even Mr Bachchan has recommended him. Farha: I did not want sis Tabbu to be in films. She cannot handle the industry men.

Behind the screen

Sangeeta Bijani feels herself superior to the Archana Puran Singhs, Sonu Walias or Kiran Juneja. This is because apart from sexy roles, she is also doing a complex one in Mahesh Bhatt's "Jurm" opposite Vinod Khanna. But how did she get it? She had to work her way through boy friend Salman Khan, whose father Salim is writing the script and who got her pushed into the film. Is Indian TV going in for tele-films about the tangled personal lives of film-stars? Mahesh Bhatt's "Daddy" is about a repentant father accepting his illegitimate daughter from another woman, after a long separation. His own daughter Pooja Bhatt is doing the role with Anupam Kher, Neena Gupta and Mahesh's second wife Soni Razdan. But if Bhatt had guts, the "real" story should have been about the man's daughter from his first wife, suffering neglect and wanting daddy's love, while he has married a second wife and also got a child from her. Tabbu was thrown out of Boney and Shekhar Kapoor's "Prem", after a long wait by her. Radha (Divya) went out of Govinda and Kirti's "Radha ka Sangam" after another agonising wait. Ironically, Radha started work on "Prem", where Tabbu had suffered a similar fate. So in turn, Tabbu should have taken up "Radha ka Sangam", but then the Govinda brothers have their own tastes. Video magazines are ripping open the real "faces" of stars more than any gossip magazines. While the mags write half-truths or imaginary stories about their personal relations or sex life, the video mags go close to the stars on sets and show faces full of pimples, unphotogenic profiles, croaky voices and bad memory about remembering action and dialogue. Pooja Bedi wants to be the female Kamalhasan among heroines. But then she has an odd appearance and her talent is unknown. Moreover she has one film "Vish Kanya" to prove it. She calls it her first love. Perhaps that is one more way of erasing the bad memory of actor Aadiya. Moon Moon Sen not having much to shoot before the movie cameras began to do photo sessions for still photographers. Thereafter everyone wanted her to pose only for photos and not do any roles (with her shaky acting and dialogue). Moon gave a film 'no'. But her films like "Muqadma" are taking ages to complete. After the heart-break with Sri Devi, Mithun was swearing to remain in a loveless man. But then he had already built up reserve stock in the form of Manjeet and Lubna. The first girl had failed as the heroine of "Misaal". So her name was changed to Bobby and she was given another chance, all because of the efforts put in by Mithun-da.

Govinda

Q. Why were you against the star ceiling? Producers accused you of making silly remarks about it. A. I have my right of expression even if I may not be highly educated or able to speak "angrezi". My criticism was that producers have no



Tabbu (right) gets sympathy from Priya Tendulkar.



Sadashiv in 'Apna Desh Praye Log'

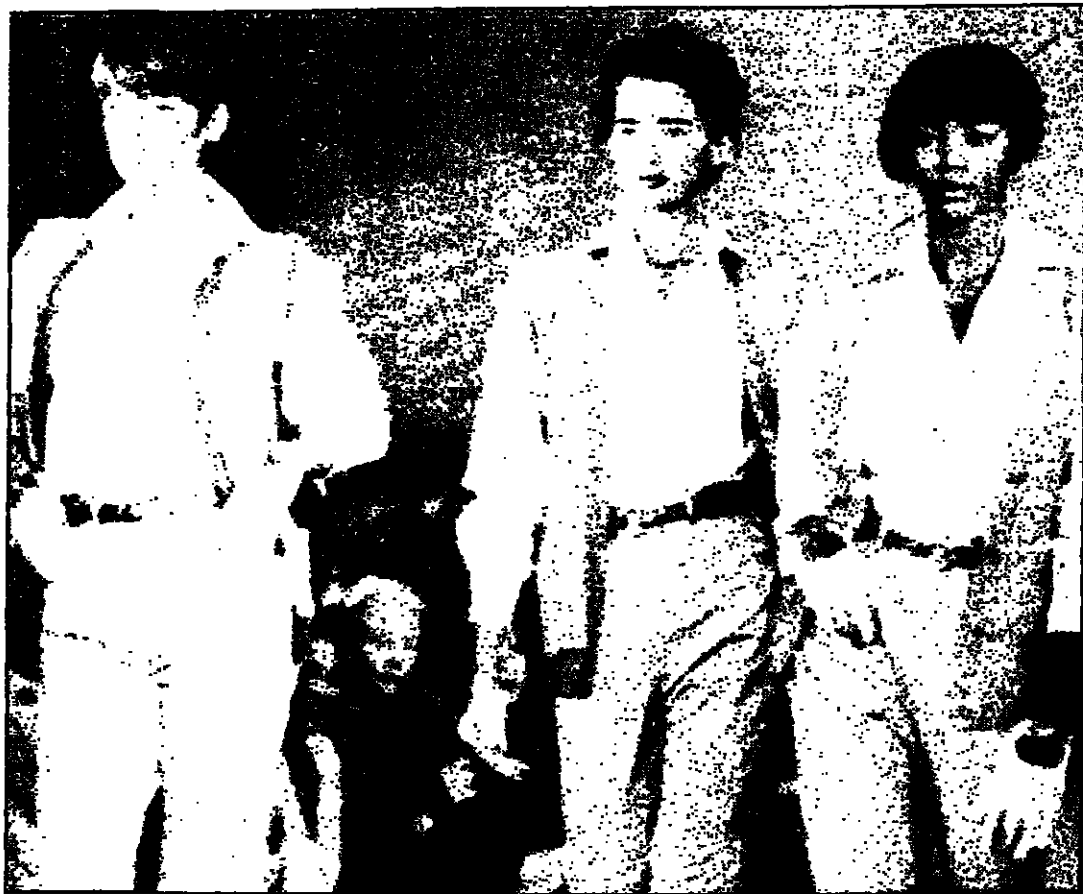


Meenakshi Sheshadri



Calvin Klein collection

Left: Models for Calvin Klein at the spring/summer fashion show in New York on Oct 31.



Models are wearing white silk crepe dress and suit. Right: Models are wearing cashmere cardigan vests and wool crepe Western pants. (Reuter wirephoto)

Palace gets facelift

Ready and waiting for Lama

IF the Dalai Lama returned to Tibet from exile he would find his bed and bathroom ready and waiting, former palaces under renovation and an unfinished mural of Tibet's history set to pick up the narrative.

The spiritual leader of Tibetan Buddhism fled his Himalayan homeland in 1959 as communist troops put down a mass uprising against Chinese rule.

For the next 20 years thousands of his devout followers were imprisoned and few monasteries escaped destruction.

But in the late 1970s China launched nationwide 'open-door' reforms that for Tibet meant a cautious revival of religion, culture and its traditional economy.

Despite a parallel resurgence of nationalism and anti-Chinese protests leading in March to the imposition of martial law in the regional capital, Lhasa, the central government pressed on with reforms while arresting protesters.

Work began last month on a five-year project to renovate the Potala, the Dalai Lama's former winter palace, which dominates Lhasa and is in danger of collapsing on top of the many pilgrims worshipping there.

"The woodwork is really serious," said works director Phuntsok Namgyal, sticking his finger into a crumbling column.

"If we don't start repairs now, you just can't contemplate the consequences," he said. "It's very dangerous."

In galleries and chapels around the Potala, pilgrims in dress that would not have been out of place centuries ago wandered about lighting Yak butter candles and mumbling mantras.

Woodwork eating into the 17th-century palace is the main villain. The foundations were also damaged in the 1960s when explosives were used to build air-raid shelters under the Potala on the order of Chairman Mao Tse-tung.

Late Premier Chou Enlai is credited with saving the Potala from destruction by Mao's radical Red Guards during the Cultural Revolution from 1966 to 1976, but perched high on its rocky crag the Potala suffered



Workers on the stairs leading to the Potala Palace in Lhasa dig to strengthen the foundation during the start of a five-year restoration on the Dalai Lama's former winter home. (Reuter wirephoto)

from neglect. "No, we've not had any contact with the Dalai Lama," Phuntsok Namgyal said. "It was originally his winter palace. I think he would probably support our work."

The Chinese state, as the present owner of the Potala, is donating 35 million yuan (\$9.5 million) for the work but pilgrims also give thousands. Work will be done in stages so the palace, which houses remains of past Dalai Lamas, can stay open for worshippers and monks who live there.

Down the Kichu valley on the edge of Lhasa lies the Dalai Lama's former summer palace, the Norbulingka, now a favourite spot of picnic-loving Tibetans as well as pilgrims.

The Norbulingka was the Dalai Lama's last residence in Lhasa before he set off for India in March, 1959, his flight hastened by artillery shells landing in the wooded compound.

Last month, 100 Tibetans gathered there to celebrate the award of the Nobel peace prize to their spiritual leader. The Chinese government denounced the award.

Jamahiriya: Libya's new museum

Filled with gods, emperors and the Green Book

ROMAN emperors, Greek goddesses and slogans from Muammar Khaddafi's Green Book fill a sumptuous new museum in a Turkish fort on the shores of Tripoli.

Nowhere else would a tourist find so extensive a collection of photographs, gifts and tributes marking the life of Libya's revolutionary leader.

The 16th-century red stone castle that once housed Turkish beys and Italian colonial governors now boasts a rich collection of sculpture and mosaics from Libya's Greek and Roman past.

A giant blown-up colour photo of Khaddafi, smiling with fist clenched, greets visitors to the top floor where his photographs fill two rooms and green banners proclaim "No democracy without

people's committees."

"Our goal was to trace every stage of our history from prehistoric times to the era of the masses," museum director Ali Khadhuri said. "The revolution must build not only roads, bridges and hospitals, but preserve the heritage and Arab personality of Libya."

The "Jamahiriya" (state of the masses) museum opened last year after 10 years of planning and construction supervised by the UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (Unesco).

The main wooden gate of the fort fronts Green Square, a vast downtown plaza painted green to mark the colour of Islam and Khaddafi's book of social and political theory.

Inside is a cool marble hall, a Roman-

style fountain and the text of Khaddafi's 1977 declaration of people's power carved in green on white marble.

Culture from nearly every stage of Libyan history is on show from exquisite neolithic cave drawings — "Libyan rock art" — to modern Arab costumes and musical instruments.

Greek historians spoke of Libyan tribes who bred cattle and raced to battle in chariots, clashing with their ancient Egyptian neighbours.

Coastal cities founded by the Phoenicians at Sabratha, 67 km (41 miles) west of Tripoli, and Oea (now Tripoli) flourished as Mediterranean trading centres through Greek and Roman times.

Cyrene, near what is now the eastern city of Benghazi, and Leptis Magna east of

Tripoli are among the world's best preserved Greek and Roman cities.

Libya does not give tourist visas and few foreigners are able to visit its massive temples, amphitheatres and forums.

"We have an enormous wealth of antiquities, enough to change the exhibits every day," said Khadhuri.

On display are stone Medusa heads, giant marble nudes of classical deities and busts of Roman emperors who once ruled Libya, including Septimus, born in Leptis Magna in 146 AD.

The collection builds on artworks from an earlier museum on the same site opened by Italian colonial authorities in 1936 and stressing Libya's Roman past — "to try to show their presence was legitimate," says Khadhuri.

GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF

DANGER, EXPERTS AT PLAY

Both vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
 ♠ J 8 7 5 2
 ♥ K 9
 ♦ A 9 4
 ♣ K 6 5

WEST
 ♠ Void
 ♥ Q 6 4 3
 ♦ Q J 10 5
 ♣ Q 10 9 3 2

EAST
 ♠ Q 10 9
 ♥ J 7 5 2
 ♦ 8 7 6 2
 ♣ J 8

SOUTH
 ♠ A K 6 4 3
 ♥ A 10 8
 ♦ K 3
 ♣ A 7 4

The bidding:
 South West North East
 1 ♠ Pass 3 ♠ Pass
 4 NT Pass 5 ♠ Pass
 5 NT Pass 6 ♠ Pass
 6 ♠ Pass Pass Pass

Opening lead: Queen of ♣
 Bridge players like to try a bit of one-upmanship against their peers. There's even a name—the Grosvonor Coup—for a deliberate play that could cost a trick but does not because your opponent won't ever believe you could be so foolish. It gives you the chance to smile pityingly at a player who has just missed a chance to pick up a trick. We came across this example at a rubber bridge game in New York's renowned Cavendish Club.

With his wealth of aces and kings, South correctly decided his hand was too good for a one no trump opening bid. When North made a forcing jump in spades, South launched into Blackwood and settled in the small slam because of potential third-round losers in trumps, hearts and clubs.

West's natural lead was the queen of diamonds, taken in dummy. Declarer led the jack of spades and East followed with the nine! Had declarer played low, East's trump trick would have vanished, but what sane East would play low holding Q 10 9 in the suit? So declarer rose with the king and, when West discarded a club, East smirked wickedly and South's face turned beet red.

But it was declarer who had the last laugh. He cashed the ace of spades, king and ace of hearts and king of diamonds, then ruffed a heart in dummy and a diamond in hand. To complete the strip, the ace and king of clubs were cleared. Now East was given the lead with his high trump. Holding only one card in each red suit, he could do nothing other than give declarer a ruff-stuff, allowing South to discard a club from one hand while ruffing in the other.



"Shhh! For pete's sake! D'you want to wake the whole castle?"

THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



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By Johnny Hart



YOUR STARS



Aries (March 20 - April 18)

A personal matter that you had hoped would resolve itself has not and need urgent attention. You should try to ensure you take all relevant factors into account. Do not take risks with your health. Be objective.



Cancer (June 21 - July 21)

The Moon's influence will tend to make you more subject to stress. Something that you had considered will now become far more likely. You should not indulge in too many daydreams. Be polite.



Leo (July 22 - Aug 21)

You will have some personal success but not quite as much as you would have liked. Mars' less favourable influence will make it harder for you to curb an aggressive trend. Try to keep things as simple as possible. Be pertinent.



Taurus (April 19 - May 19)

Do not expect others to do things for you. You should have more faith in yourself. Your lucky numbers are 10 and 25. The Moon's influence will help you to deal with a more personal problem. Be less reticent.



Libra (Sept 22 - Oct 22)

You have good reason to have more faith in yourself. Something you have spent a lot of time upon will now show good results. A promise you have made must be kept even if it is difficult to do so. Be magnanimous.



Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)

You should consider an offer or proposal carefully. It is not all it seems to be. Make sure you do not give away something too to you in confidence. Avoid all exaggerations and stick to safe limits. Be magnanimous.



Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)

Something that has been concerning you will now become easier to deal with. You should not dwell too long upon a subject that you cannot do much about at present. Try to rid yourself of some resentments. Be considerate.



Gemini (May 20 - June 20)

You should make sure you do not waste time dealing with secondary matters. Avoid making matters more complicated for yourself. Do not neglect what ought to be done now. Be tactful.



Virgo (Aug 22 - Sept 21)

You will tend to be a little on the nervous side and a small problem will tend to loom up too large. You should beware of jumping to conclusions. Do not always think ill of others. Be sincere.



Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)

You will tend to be a bit excited and should do your best to curb this tendency. You will be able to make good progress with a matter you have had to put on one side. Try to avoid losing your temper either with yourself or with others. Be moderate.



Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18)

This is a good time for you to take the initiative. You will be able to cope with an abiding personal problem. Look and think twice before making a 'foolproof' investment. Be generous.



Pisces (Feb 19 - March 19)

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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

JAPE SLOPE ABET
 OLLA LIKEN NERO
 HOURS OF IDLENESS
 NEGLIGEE NINES
 TAR SERE
 HARDEN BORI SIEG
 ALICE EPIC PEA
 DANCING OF THE HOURS
 END DIET BRIE
 SSS GLEE SPINES
 MIST ATE
 APRON USURIOUS
 HOURGLASS FIGURE
 ELMS BRIEF OSSA
 MOPE SPATS REAL



"Remember saying, 'The way to a man's heart is through his stomach?'"



"Course women live longer, they need the time to finish what they started to say!"

Becker thrashes Srejber on return

PARIS, Nov 1. (AP) Boris Becker, the reigning Wimbledon and US Open champion, returned yesterday to tournament play after an injury and beat qualifier Milan Srejber of Czechoslovakia, 6-3, 6-3, in the first round of the \$1.3 million Paris Open tennis tournament.

France's Yannick Noah, Olympic gold medalist Miloslav Mezir of Czechoslovakia, No. 4 seed Brad Gilbert of the United States, and qualifier Ronald Agnir of Haiti also advanced to the second round.

However, American Tim Mayotte, the 1987 winner who has made it at least to the semifinals every year since the indoor event began in Paris three years ago, fell in the first round to Jakob Hasek of Switzerland.

Gilbert edged Peter Korda of Czechoslovakia 3-6, 7-6 (7-3), 6-4. Mezir routed Spain's Emilio Sanchez, 6-2, 6-2, and Agnir outlasted Paolo Cane of Italy 7-6, (7-2), 7-5. Hasek eliminated Mayotte, 2-6, 6-3, 6-3, while Noah downed Thomas Muster of Austria, 7-5, 3-6, 6-4.

The rich tournament offers a \$300,000 first prize and has attracted 17 of the world's top 20 players.

John McEnroe and Mats Wilander, last year's No. 1 player, are scheduled to play their first-round matches this evening. McEnroe was to meet qualifier Jonas Svensson of Sweden after Wilander played seventh-seeded Alberto Mancini of Argentina.

Kifco, Unity, Rangers triumph

KUWAIT International Finance Co. (Kifco) maintained their winning streak when they defeated Falcon by 80 runs in the quarterfinal of Malhotra trophy at KOC Oval in Ahmadi on Friday.

Kifco, yet to be beaten in this season, elected to bat first after their skipper Mansoor Khan won the toss. A long and solid partnership has become a hallmark of Kifco this season. This time the partnership was between Nasir Ahmed and regular opener Arshad Shams who was playing his first game of the season. Both put on 136, of which Arshad Shams own contribution was 79. The stylish opener played all the bowlers with authority and his classic batting had streak of aggression, when he scored 24 off one over.

On the other hand, Nasir Ahmed was playing one of his identical innings. Nasir who has not an inning of below 50 this season yet produced another fine knock of 58. Arshad Shams was first to leave followed by Pervaz Aslam, Amin and Nasir, but another quick partnership between Arshad Shams and Shahid Pervaz yielded valuable 63 runs. Arshad contributed 40 before he was unfortunately run out. Shahid Pervaz (21) and Rashid Ansari remained not out.

In reply, Falcon started off quite well when their first wicket partnership put on 41 against the bowling of Kifco. However, as soon as Amin was introduced in the attack, Falcon's batting fell apart, failing to respond to his excellent line and length. On the other end Shahid Butt closed two wickets before Amin got 3 for 12. After completion of Amin's allotted over, Rafiq Butt playing in his first game for Kifco totally conjured the Falcon batsmen and with bowling figures of 3 for 17.

The only resistance came from Haider who scored a fine half century before Mansoor Khan wrapped up the Falcon innings by claiming his wicket in the 29th over. The other main scorers for Falcon was Sajjad who scored 29.

Unity scored an emphatic victory over Al Mulla Cricket Club, winning the match by 7 wickets in the 2nd round of the "Malhotra Trophy" knock-out competition at Ahmadi recently.

Winning the toss, Al Mulla sent in Taufiq and Naimal to face the new ball attack of Sarfaraz and Irfan. Both openers played the bowling on merit and with Unity fielding 9 players the partnership was worth 50 in 8 overs. Smart fielding by Shabbir had Naimal run out for 28 making Al Mulla 51 for 1 in the 6th over.

The dismissal of Mukesh (0) and Iftekar (0) in the next over, both claimed by Lucas put pressure on Al Mulla. Only opener Taufiq provided some entertaining batting making (59) before he was run out at 121 in the 24th over. After this dismissal, the middle order surrendered to the pace of Shabbir who single handedly took 5 wickets to dismiss Al Mulla for 143 all out in 28 overs. The next highest scorer was Khalid (39).

Unity captain Shabbir, acting in the absence of Chris, promoted Merwyn to open the innings with Irfan and both responded to the call putting on a partnership worth 74 in just 8 overs. Irfan was in aggressive mood, punishing the Al Mulla bowlers to register 47 before being caught by Khalid off Taufiq.

Sarfaraz (0) was dismissed by Michael, making Unity 63 for 2 in 9 overs. Merwyn played the meanwhile playing with confidence, stroking the ball well and looking more and more solid. Robin played a short innings of 15 before Mahmoud had him caught at deep mid-on.

Baber ended the match with some lusty hitting scoring 3 successive sixes off Khalid to take Unity past Al Mulla's score of 143. Merwyn remained not out on a confident and elegant 61. Unity now face Starlite in the semi-finals of the same tournament.

Rangers registered their another victory against Le Merit of cricket team, this time by 3 wickets in a Patrons Trophy match, sponsored by Mohan of Mohan Commercial and organised by Gulf Cricket League, at the EPH Old Ground.

Meriden won the toss and elected to bat. Zaher opened the innings and played very cautiously in the beginning. The run rate was too slow and at one stage Meriden, had scored 66 on the loss of 6 wickets. Later they started hitting all over the ground. The credit goes to captain Zaher who carried the bat and his brilliant batting helped build up huge score of 169 runs in 30 overs. Zaher's individual score was 90 not out.

Ajmal took 3 wickets, Tilak Sharma 2 wickets, Bashir 2 wickets and Sajid 1 wicket.

Skipper Ajmal and Imad opened the innings for Rangers. Both kept the scoreboard moving, keeping in mind that Rangers' average was also more than that of Meriden. Imad scored 19 and Ajmal 47. Ashraf 25 runs with one six and 1 four.

Sajid scored 16 and Khalid 12 runs before Jayantilal and Manzar took every possible single. The former scored 21 runs and was out in the 28th over at which stage Rangers needed 5 runs to win but Piliat took 2 runs on the first ball and the 3rd ball he hit for a six.

Rangers crossed the target in 29 overs. For Meriden, John took two wickets, Mohammed three and Zaher and Dey got one each.

Navratilova wins easily

Sabatini and Shriver triumph



Navratilova: sails through

WORCESTER, Massachusetts, Nov 1. (AP) Top-seeded Martina Navratilova solved the powerful serve of Brenda Schultz and won 6-1, 6-1 last night in the first round of the Virginia Slims of New England tennis tournament.

Second-seeded Gabriela Sabatini and No. 5 seed Pam Shriver also were winners in the second day of opening round action as they advanced to the quarterfinals.

Navratilova dropped the opening game of her match, but had little difficulty thereafter.

"I've been training against men for the past two weeks, so facing a player with a big serve like Brenda's didn't trouble me," Navratilova said.

"I've trained harder this year than in recent ones," she said. "If I had lost a half set, I've more than gotten it back."

Shriver struggled, but came from behind to beat Mary Lou Daniels, 3-6, 6-2, 6-3.

Down 0-40 in the final set at 4-3, Shriver rallied to win that game and then held serve to win the match.

Sabatini used a slashing baseline game to defeat Cammy McGregor, 6-1, 6-1, as the Argentine kept her opponent off balance throughout the match.

"I'm playing comfortable, relaxed," Sabatini said. "In the past, I was unable to concentrate in first round matches. Now I have more of a killer instinct."

"I've worked harder on coming to the net."

Seventh-seeded Helen Kelesi also advanced, coming from behind to defeat Bev Bowes, 2-6, 6-2, 6-2.

Bowes held her own during several long rallies, mostly from the baseline. But Kelesi then altered her strategy and took control of the match.

"When I tried to hit hard with her, back and forth, I had problems," Kelesi said.

In other results, Andrea Leand defeated Erica Delone 7-6 (8-6), 6-0; Camille Benjamin beat Louise Allen 3-6, 6-3, 6-4; Sandy Collins defeated Lise Gregory 6-0, 7-6 (7-4) and Liz Smylie won over Andrea Temesvari 6-2, 6-2.

Bhutto tourney opened, KCL Super Cup starts

Lions, PCC and OKCC rout opponents

ASHFAQ and Salim took Lions Cricket Club into the semifinals of the New Pak Cricket Tournament with a six-wicket victory over Quaid-e-Millat Cricket Club (QMCC) at the latter's ground earlier this week.

QMCC elected to bat first after winning the toss and scored 161 for the loss of all their wickets in 23 overs. Javed batted well and scored 39.

For Lions, Salim and Ayub took three wickets for 28 and 36 respectively while James took two wickets and Ronnie one.

In reply, Ashfaq and Salim put on 149 runs for the first wicket before the former was run out for 84. Salim continued to play well and managed to hit 45 runs as Lions went past the target in 21 overs.

● PCC also won their match by a similar margin against Deccan

Green in the YMCA Trophy at the Rigga ground.

Deccan batted first and scored 129 in 24 overs. Akilsh was the top scorer with 45. Asghar took three wickets for 27 while Arshad and Zahid took two wickets each and Qaiser got one.

PCC got the runs in only 22 overs with Qaiser being the top scorer with an unbeaten 72. For Deccan Hafeez took two wickets while Ejaz got one.

● OKCC also had an easy game, beating Maharashtra by 90 runs. OKCC batted first and scored 174 in 25 overs. Alaf scored 46. Mahmood hit 30. Savio an unbeaten 32 and Javed a quick 28, which included two fours and two sixes.

Maharashtra were never able to get on top of the bowling and were all out for only 84 runs. Pradeep 13, Kalim 12, Manoha

10, Jerome 10 and Sajid 12 were the only batsmen to reach the double figures.

For OKCC, Alam took three wickets while Savio took two. Mussadiq, Mahmood and Maurice chipped in with one each.

Savio took the Man of the Match award.

While these matches were being played, another tourney started when the Bhutto Memorial Tournament was opened at the residence of Haji Mohammed Afzal Noor, president Pakistan Peoples Club.

The ceremony was arranged by tournament's organiser Rana Imtiaz Hussain Chohan and Hafiz Sultan. Pakistan People's Club's vice-president Atiq Adnan, additional secretary-general Babar Waseem, city area's president Aurangzeb Butt,

information secretary Malik Amin, New Pak C.C. president and Mohammed Ali captain of New Pak C.C. were also present at the meeting.

● Kuwait Cricket League (KCL) is organising a new cricket tournament in the name of KCL Super Cup in which all the top teams will play on League basis and the top two teams will play the final match which will be played in March next year.

The first match of this tournament will be played tomorrow between Kifco and Evergreen. The match will start at 8.30 am. The umpires will be from Starlite and Morning Star.

KCL also announced that a general meeting of KCL will be held at 8.00 pm on Nov 8 at the residence of KCL president Sajid Rizwi in Surra.

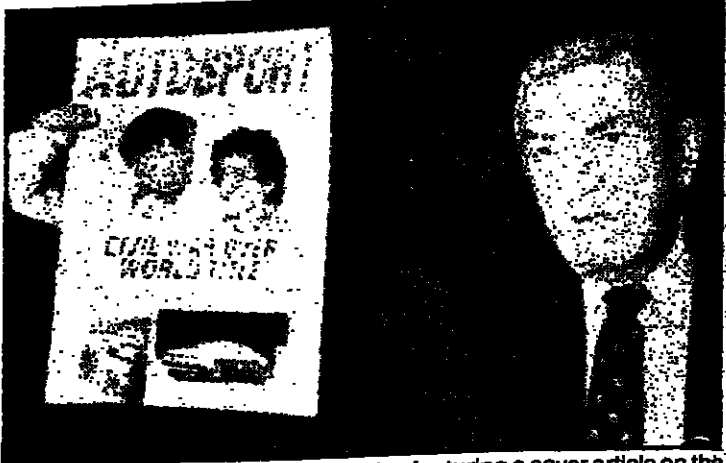
McLaren looking at channels of appeal

ADELAIDE, Australia, Nov 1. (Reuters) McLaren director Creighton Brown said today the Formula One team would continue to fight for what it saw to be justice for its Brazilian driver Ayrton Senna.

Brown told journalists McLaren had instructed its legal advisor to consider the various channels of appeal available in the French civil courts after Senna's disqualification from the Japanese Grand Prix was confirmed yesterday.

"McLaren considers the verdict grossly unfair and will continue to fight for justice," Brown said. "I think everybody is completely shocked and amazed. There's an air of utter disbelief about what's happening in front of our eyes."

The International Automobile Federation (FIA), after turning down a McLaren appeal against Senna's disqualification in Japan, also announced Senna would be fined \$100,000 and



Ballestre holds up a copy of a magazine featuring a cover article on the conflict between Senna and Prost. (Reuters wirephoto)

given a six-month ban for dangerous driving, suspended for six months.

Senna was first across the line in the race in Suzuka despite crashing with teammate Alain Prost. Prost abandoned the race and Senna was later disqualified for failing to negotiate the chicane where the crash occurred.

The FIA decision confirms Prost as world champion for the third time. Prost hailed the FIA decision as meaning a great victory for him over his own McLaren team, whom the Frenchman accuses of providing an inferior car this season.

Brown, denying there was a rift with Prost, said McLaren would enter Sunday's Australian Grand Prix, the last of the season, as a totally united team, "despite the FIA decision."

McLaren manager Ron Dennis threatened on Monday to take the "Senna affair" to a French civil court if their driver's disqualification was upheld by the FIA.

Jean-Marie Balestre, president of the International Motor Sports Federation (Fisa) warned McLaren after the FIA decision in Paris that it risked suspension from the world championship if they pursued the action in court.

Ultrasonic gun used in racehorse fraud

LONDON, Nov 1. (Reuters) Drug gangs used an ultrasonic gun inaudible to humans to scare and distract racehorses in a spectacular betting fraud, a London court was told yesterday.

A lawyer said cocaine smugglers latched on to the fraud to help launder their profits. The gun, hidden in a pair of binoculars, was used to sabotage a showpiece race at Britain's Royal Ascot course last year.

The lawyer, Jonathan Goldberg, showed the court binoculars in which the lenses had been removed and replaced with two high-frequency transmitting devices twinned with a powerful amplifier.

"This device subjects the passing racehorses to a sudden and terrifying noise which no human being can hear at all," he said.

"It is the equivalent in suddenness to the horse to a loud firework exploding in its ears, although the actual noise would be more equivalent in human terms to a hideous ear-piercing shriek."

The gun was used at Ascot in June 1988 to rob veteran jockey Greville Starkey of victory when he was three lengths clear, the court was told.

Starkey said his horse Le de Chypre veered violently to the left and threw him from the saddle as he headed for a comfortable victory. "It took me by complete surprise. I have never have this happen to me before or since," he said.

Goldberg, defending London car dealer James Laming, said his client had invented the gun as part of a fraud conspiracy "to undermine the entire system of racecourse betting in this country."

But he said Laming, 49, was unaware that his alleged co-conspirators were using the fraud as a way to launder millions of pounds (dollars) through large-scale betting.

Fiji defeat England B

LEEDS, England, Nov 1. (Reuters) Fiji, overwhelmed by Scotland last week, raised their spirits with a confident 20-12 victory over a disappointing England B team yesterday.

The tourists, who meet the full England side at Twickenham on Saturday, gave a telling demonstration of how dangerous they can be when allowed to run with the ball in fast open play.

But they also had the kicking errors and poor handling of the

Top three teams win 4th round matches

LUCERNE, Switzerland, Nov 1. (Reuters) The three top teams in the World Team Chess Championships all won their fourth round matches yesterday but the Soviet favourites and current holders put up a lacklustre performance against the relatively weak Swiss.

Again playing without ex-world champion Anatoly Karpov, they relaxed, drawing on the top three boards, and winning on the fourth.

The Swiss now slip from equal seventh to eighth place despite what they will see as an excellent result.

England, equal second with Hungary, were involved in a fascinating clash as play in their match against the fourth-placed Cuban team reached the time control after four hours.

English semi-final player, grandmaster Jon Speelman, playing with the usually favourable white pieces against grandmaster Jesus Nogueras, resigned when it became apparent that he had to lose a piece for no compensation.

As the other players became aware of this upset, time scrambles burst out in their remaining games.

On the second board, grandmaster John Nunn playing black, reached a winning endgame position and his opponent, grandmaster Amador Rodriguez lost on time.

Then grandmaster Julian Hodgson who scored England's first win of the tournament on Monday, also won with the black pieces after inaccurate play by his opponent during time trouble.

In the final game, a technically difficult win looked within reach of the world's youngest grandmaster Michael Adams.

Hungary had a relatively easy time against the last-placed African team, winning three points to one but losing their chance to claim the second place outright.

The Africans went on the defensive, drawing with their two whites for their single point. They still lie last with the Netherlands.

The United States were again indifferent in beating China with whom they were previously equal fifth, but only by 2.5 to 1.5.

They are now four-and-a-half points behind the Soviet Union, and two points behind England and Hungary. Unless one of the leaders stumbles badly, they look to be out of medal contention.

In the fifth match of the fourth round, the out-of-form Netherlands team had to face the Yugoslavs.

Beaten soundly by the Soviets on Monday, the Yugoslavs were out for blood.

Zimmer named top manager

NEW YORK, Nov 1. (Reuters) Don Zimmer was named National League Manager of the Year yesterday by the Baseball Writers Association of America for guiding the Chicago Cubs to the pennant in the National League East Division.

Zimmer was named first on 23 of the ballots cast by a 24-member panel for a total of 118 points.

Roger Craig of the San Francisco Giants, who beat the Cubs in the playoffs before losing to the Oakland Athletics in the earthquake-interrupted World Series, took the other first-place vote to finish second with 62 points.

ROGER BROWN, after sailing Lasers for barely one year, triumphed over experienced opposition to win the British Airways sponsored Laser Open Championship hosted by Messilah Beach Laser Club recently.

A total of twenty-two boats took part in the four-race series, sailed in steady winds of Messilah Beach Hotel. A few private entries plus good contingents from both the Kuwait Navy and Kuwait Sea Sports Club augmented the host club's fleet for the occasion. The unexpected entry of Kosa yachts among the Lasers on Friday morning also added to the excitement.

With two straight wins and a second place, Roger's consistency was well rewarded. He was a surprise winner of the opening race and his triumph was sealed after another impressive win in the final race. In this, he overcame a mediocre start to overtake the early front



Lasers on the slipway after the first race.

runners by the end of the third leg. His lead was never challenged after that. Dave Clark must have been kicking himself, though, after yet another too-optimistic starting manoeuvre meant his having to go back

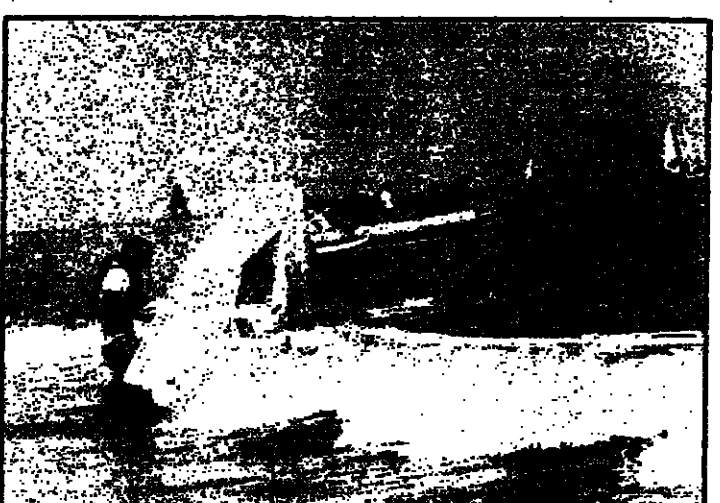
and re-start. His second place finish in this race was therefore the more creditable after effectively starting thirteenth. Having been disqualified in the first race for an early start, Dave's continuing errors in this depart-

ment are somewhat mystifying. Roger Brown and Dave Clark were, in fact, the on-form sailors, never being out of the first three in their scoring races.

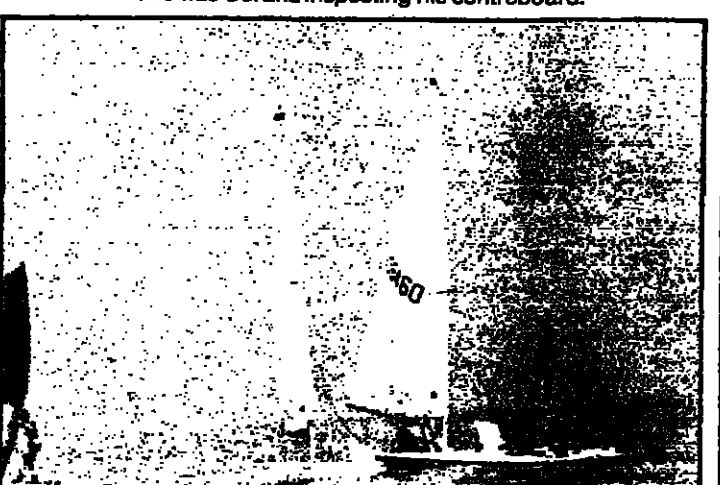
R. Noda, the lone entry from Khafji Yacht Club was unlucky to miss out in the presentations. Once again, it was a misjudgement on the start line that blew his chances after two commendable second places in earlier races. Al Fahad from KSSC sailed extremely well to record a win and a third place. He was still in with a chance of overall success, in fact, when the final race started. Phil Shepherd and Patrick Berry, both from the host club, sailed to good third positions in at least one of the races, but were not consistent enough to trouble the eventual winners.

Analysis of the results of all four races shows that only six sailors out of the twenty-two entrants featured in any of the top three places. This confirms the high standards being achieved — no freak "one-off" result to beat the experts.

Final results: 1st Roger Brown (Messilah Laser Club) 3.5 pts; 2nd Dave Clark (Messilah Laser Club) 5.75 pts.



Thomas Curran inspecting his centreboard.



Roger Brown and Dave Reeve in a luffing match.

The Novice Prize went to Capt Al Awaysh, a welcome and regular entrant in Kuwait's dinghy racing regattas.

The presentations were made by a representative of British Airways, sponsors of the championship.

Messilah Beach Laser Club continues its racing programme on Friday with the "America Cup" Match Racing Regatta at the quarter-final stage. The Winter Series during November and December is eagerly awaited, with the promise of strong north west-

terlies giving exciting Laser action.

Once again MBLC is sending a team to contest the Gulf Sailing Championships in Jabel Ali on November 16/17. Ten helms are expected to travel, with sponsorship from Messilah Beach Hotel, and a determination to improve on last year's results.

If you want to join in the Laser action at Messilah, the biggest dinghy racing fleet in Kuwait call Dave Clark 4845171 or Phil Shepherd 4841513.



Don Macaulay: surfing in to the beach



Pat Berry and Phil Shepherd surfing to the beach after the final race.

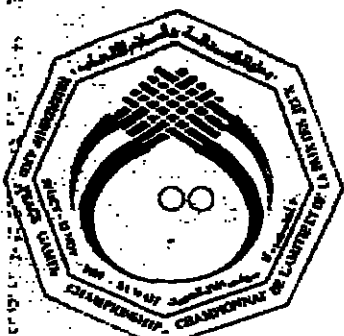
SPORTS



Qatar's Shawku Abdulla (No. 211) holds off Bangladesh's Meizer Hussain (No. 54) to win the 800 metres on Tuesday. Kuwait's Ziad Abdul Razak (centre) listens to the national anthem after receiving the 110 metres gold. Qatar's Saad Moutfah receives his gold medal after winning the 100 metres in a time of 10.46 seconds.

Qatar wins athletics meet

Kuwait finishes in 2nd place



SPORTS BRIEFS

Officials received: The deputy chairman of the Organising Committee of the Peace and Friendship Games, Sheikh Fahd Al Ahmed, received at his office yesterday a number of sports officials who are visiting Kuwait to attend the Games. Sheikh Fahd received the Youth Minister of Djibouti, Omar Abbas; member of IOC from Mali, Lantia Koudi; chairman of Iraqi Olympic Committee, Karim Mulla; Uganda Youth Minister, Gen. Moya Ali; and others.

Dinner banquet: The Organising Committee of the Games held a dinner banquet Tuesday night in honour of the sports guests, heads of delegations, officials and newsmen. The dinner was held at Regency Palace and was attended by Sheikh Fahd Al Ahmed, FIFA president, Havelange, members of the Organising Committee and many sports officials.

IBF president: President of the International Basketball Federation, Robert Bassand, will arrive in Kuwait on Nov. 8 to attend the semifinal and final matches of the basketball competition of the Games. Many other basketball officials have already arrived in Kuwait for the same purpose. They include the president of the Arab Basketball Federation, Dr. Mahdi Najem, Secretary of the Federation, Fawzi Askar and president of the Asian Basketball Federation.

Ceremony praised: Chairman of the Iraqi Olympic Committee, Karim Mulla praised the inauguration ceremony, saying it was a pride for Kuwait and all Arabs. He congratulated the Kuwaiti officials for the great success of the ceremony and for their great efforts in the organisation.

ISWA head: The head of the International Sports Writers Association (ISWA), Frank Tyler who is in Kuwait to attend the Peace and Friendship Games, praised the inaugural ceremony. He called upon photographers to keep the colour or black and white pictures they take for the Games in order to take part in the Association-sponsored photographic competition. He said that over 1,500 photographers from all over the world take part in the annual event. He regretted that no Arab photographer had ever taken part in that competition.

Biggest volleyball tourney to be held soon: Acosta

THE president of the International Volleyball Federation, Róbin Acosta, announced yesterday that the federation will hold the biggest international championship very shortly. He said that teams from 8 countries in 4 continents, Asia, North and South America and Europe, will take part in the new two-leg league championship called the "World League".

Addressing a press conference in Kuwait yesterday, Acosta said that national teams of Holland, USA, USSR, Japan, China, Brazil, France and Italy, will take part in this new championship, mainly aimed at improving the standard of volleyball and increasing its popularity.

Acosta said that they also need to raise funds from such championship but not "to stock them as we badly need funds." He said that the volleyball federation needs the funds to finance its championships and projects all over the world. Acosta announced that the federation presented over \$500,000 to the African

QATAR stole the show at the athletics meeting of the Peace and Friendship Games yesterday by adding five gold medals to the three it won on Monday to win the competition.

Besides the eight gold medals, Qatar also took home nine silver medals and eight bronze medals. Kuwait ended the event in second place with a total of six gold, nine silver and eight bronze medals.

Malaysia was the only other country to take a gold. It won one gold and one silver. In fourth place was Bangladesh with two silver and three bronze medals. Djibouti won one silver medal while Oman, Gabon and Sierra Leone took home one bronze medal each.

Kuwait started the day well by finishing first in the 400 metres hurdles through Jassem Jamal in a time of 32.22 seconds. Nasser Mohammed of Qatar was second and Amer of Kuwait third.

Kuwait's Ahmed Hussain finished fourth, ahead of Bangladesh's Abdul Khader and Sierra Leone's Emeric Cole.



Ibrahim Ismail of Qatar (No. 210) leads his country to victory in the relay race.

Qatar's Ibrahim Ismail won the 400 metres in 46.57 and battered Kuwait's record in this event. The old record was 47.20. Kuwait's Yacoub Ishak finished second and Bangladesh's Milzer Hussain third.

was fourth in this event with Oman's Abdullah Al Anbarri fifth, Malaysia's Ismail Hashim sixth, Libya's Ali Ahmed seventh and Gambia's Lemini Marikong last.

Bangladesh's Ghiassuddin

another Kuwaiti record fall. This

was broken by the Qatari quarter, who finished the event in 40.81. The previous record was 41.08. Bangladesh finished second while Kuwaiti athletes took the bronze medal.

Abdulla Al Sheeb of Qatar broke the third Kuwait record for the day by making a leap of 7.54 metres in the long jump. The previous record was 7.33. Malaysia's Mohammed Zaki Sadir won the second medal of the meet for his country by finishing second. The competition was quite close among the top two although Zaki jumped 24 centimetres less.

Mohammed Al Yoha of Kuwait took the bronze while Ahmad Mazlan of Malaysia was fourth. Oman's Jeahd Abdullah fifth. Kuwait's Mohammed Ayyed sixth and Khaled Abu Al Kassim seventh.

In the hammer throw, Kuwait dominated by taking the top three places while the fourth and fifth positions were taken by the Malaysians.

Waleed Bakheet was first with a throw of 69.42, a new Kuwaiti

record. The previous record was 67.80. Ahmad Al Amer was far off in second place with a throw of only 53.88 metres while Naser Al Jiralla took the bronze with a throw of 49.60.

Qatar's Mohammed Sulaiman won the gold in the 3,000 metres with a time of 9 minutes 5.51 seconds. Djibouti's Omar Hou Fanen was second to earn the only medal for his country while Sierre Leone's Modupeh also won the only medal for country by finishing in third place.

In the final event of the meet, Qatar's Abdullah Al Sheeb took the gold with a leap of 2.05. Fahed Mansour of Kuwait was second while Gabon's Ouwani Lilahi Larie took third place.

Final standings

	G	S	B
Qatar	8	2	1
Kuwait	6	9	8
Malaysia	1	1	—
Bangladesh	—	2	3
Djibouti	—	1	—
Oman	—	—	1
Gabon	—	—	1
Sierra Leone	—	—	1



An action shot of the match.

Guinea stun Iraq in soccer tourney

GUINEA's soccer team sprang a surprise yesterday when they beat Iraq, one of the favourite teams for the soccer title, by a solitary goal.

Abu Baker scored the goal when Kuwait referee Jawad Aasour penalised the Iraqi goalkeeper inside the box for walking more than four steps with the ball and awarded an indirect free kick to Guinea, in the second minute of injury time.

The Iraqi team, which missed countless number of chances, particularly by their main striker Ahmad Radhi, were astonished by the goal. Group B of the soccer competition also includes Iran and South Yemen.

The Iraqi team began attacking right from the very beginning and their strikers missed many easy chances. The Guinea goalkeeper stood solid in the goal and prevented many attempts to score. He undoubtedly was the man of the match.

Although the Guinean team exhibited good football with excellent skills, it opted for defence throughout the match. They depended on speed in counterattacks, but their few efforts met with no success.

"Iraqi coach, Anwar Jassam said that although his team dominated the match, his strikers couldn't convert any of the easy chances. But still he expressed satisfaction over the performance of his team. Jassam said that the Iraqi team did not know the standard of the Guinean team, but he severely criticised the referee's decision to award the indirect kick against his team in the dying seconds of the game. He wished that the referee could give any legal explanation for his decision. Jassam stressed that Iraq is taking part for the sake of making the Games a success and for meeting the Muslim brothers.

The Yugoslav coach of Guinea, Dragan Vasilovich admitted that the Iraqi team played better and got many chances to score but they failed. He expressed happiness over his team's victory. He added that his team is still young and inexperienced and he is preparing them for the future. Dragan added that he changed his tactics in the second half, depending on counterattacks. The head of the Guinean delegation considered his team's victory as a miracle, adding that they need one more win to qualify for the semifinals.

The match also witnessed the first sending off of the Games. Soon after the goal was scored, Iraqi striker Saad Qais was sent off for protesting.

In today's soccer competition, Lebanon will play Uganda in an important clash. The first group includes Kuwait, Lebanon and Uganda, after the withdrawal of Brunei. Kuwait beat Lebanon 5-0 in the opening match on Monday. If Lebanon are to qualify they need to beat Uganda to join Kuwait in the semifinals. Uganda will also be looking for a good win or at least a draw and thus prevent Kuwait in their next match from scoring more than 4 goals. Thus, Uganda can qualify on goal differences.

● Iran beat South Yemen 2-0 in the only match played today. The score was 1-0 in the first half.

Handball competition to start today

Kuwait and Egypt rout opponents

KUWAIT and Egypt crushed their opponents, Comoros and Benin respectively, in the two volleyball matches played yesterday. Both countries won in straight sets. Egypt beat Benin 15-2, 15-1 and 15-4 while Kuwait beat Comoros 15-1, 15-6 and 15-0.

Today's matches were the first for all the four teams. Kuwait, in Group A, along with Saudi Arabia and North Yemen, now lead its group with Saudi Arabia who beat North Yemen on Tuesday by three straight sets.

Egypt also shares the Group B top spot with Pakistan, who beat Tunisia Tuesday by three straight sets, in the best match of the volleyball competition so far.

Today, Kuwait will play Saudi Arabia to decide the leadership of Group A while Tunisia take on weak Benin for a bid to revive its hope of one of the two berths in the semifinals.

In Group A, both Saudi Arabia and Kuwait are almost certain to qualify for

the semifinals as they have the relatively weak North Yemen and Comoros in their group.

The battle will be in Group B, mainly between three teams, Pakistan, Egypt and Tunisia. The decisive match will be played tomorrow between Pakistan and Egypt. The meeting between Egypt and Tunisia on Saturday is equally decisive as it will determine the fate of one of these teams in the tournament.

● The handball competition of the Peace and Friendship

Games will begin today. Thursday. All matches will be played at Al Arabi club in Mansouria.

In the first match, Kuwait will play Palestine at 3.00 pm while Turkey will take on Mali in the second match at 4.30 pm. All the four teams are in Group A. Group B includes four African teams, Algeria, Morocco, Senegal and Burkina Faso.

From Group B, Kuwait and Turkey have got the best chance to qualify for the semifinals, but Group B competition will be tougher. Algeria, who won the African championship several times has the best chance to move into the semifinals.

● Kuwait easily beat Bahrain 88-66 in their opening basketball match played yesterday. Kuwait also led at half-time.

In the other match played yesterday Syria beat Somalia 91-76. The score was 51-38 in the first half.

In today's matches, Cameroon will play United Arab Emirates at 5.30 pm while the strong Jordanian team will take on Indonesia. Jordan has recently second place of the Arab championship held in Damascus after closely losing to the strong Egyptians.



The Pakistani volleyball team who beat Tunisia in their first match, Tuesday evening.

Programme

Today:

Soccer: Group A: Lebanon vs Uganda 4.30 pm, Kazma stadium.

Volleyball: Group A: Saudi Arabia vs Kuwait at 4.30 pm; Group B: Tunisia vs Bannine at 6.30 pm, both at Qadsia club.

Basketball: Group B: UAE vs Cameroon at 5.30 pm; Jordan vs Indonesia at 7.00 pm, both at Al Kuwait club in Kafan.

Handball: Group A: Palestine vs Kuwait at 3.00 pm; Mali vs Turkey at 4.30 pm, both at Al Arabi club.

Friday:

Soccer: Group B: Guinea vs Iran at 4.30 pm; Iraq vs South Yemen at 6.30 pm, at Kazma stadium.

Volleyball: Group B: Pakistan vs Egypt at 4.30 pm; Group A: North Yemen vs Comoros at 6.30 pm, at Qadsia.

Handball: Group B: Burkina Faso vs Morocco at 6.00 pm; Algeria vs Senegal at 7.30 pm at Al Arabi.

Basketball: Group A: Somalia vs Kuwait at 3.00 pm; Syria vs Bahrain at 4.30 pm at Al Kuwait.



Samaranch (4th left) and Havelange (6th left) with Sheikh Fahd (centre).

Samaranch and Havelange leave Kuwait

THE chairman of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) Juan Antonio Samaranch and the president of the International Football Federation (Fifa) Joao Havelange, left Kuwait yesterday after attending the inauguration of the Peace and Friendship Games.

They were seen off at the airport by deputy chairman of the organising committee, Sheikh Fahd Al Ahmed and senior sports officials. Upon departure, Samaranch said that he was leaving Kuwait very pleased as chairman of the IOC over the great organisation of the Games. He congratulated Kuwait and "my colleague Sheikh Fahd Al

Ahmed," describing him as a very active member of the IOC. He said: "We trust Sheikh Fahd very much." Samaranch announced that he would visit Kuwait again in February next year.

Havelange told reporters that he watched an excellent and well-organised inaugural ceremony of the Peace and Friendship Games. He praised the organisation, adding that Fifa solidly supports the Games, as the IOC and other sports federations did. He thanked Sheikh Fahd Al Ahmed in particular for his great efforts he made and is still making for the progress of the sports movement.



Acosta (2nd right) at the press conference.

SPORTS

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English soccer

LONDON, Nov 1. (Reuters): Results of English League Soccer matches played yesterday:

Division Two		
Blackburn	0	Hull
Sheff Wed	1	Wid. 2
Sheff Utd	2	Sheff Wed
Sunderland	4	Barnsley
Division Three		
Birmingham	1	Cardiff
Blackpool	0	Bury
Bolton	1	Walsall
Brews	0	Bristol C
Fulham	0	Northampton
Leyton	0	Chesham
Mansfield	2	Preston
Notts County	3	Sheff Wed
Shrewsbury	3	Tranmere
Swansea	3	Rotherham
Wigan	1	Reading
Division Four		
Aldershot	1	Carlisle
Doncaster	1	Midstone
Gillingham	1	Rochedale
Hull	1	Hereford
Hartlepool	1	Cambridge
Scunthorpe	3	York
Southend	3	Burnley
Wrexham	1	Torquay

Euro-soccer

LONDON, Nov 1. (Reuters): Results of second-round second-leg matches in the three European Cup soccer competitions today: In Naples: Napoli (Italy) 2 Werder Bremen (Germany) 1 (0-1). In Bucharest: Dinamo Bucharest (Romania) 6 Panathinaikos (Greece) 1 (3-1). In Genoa: Sampdoria (Italy) 2 Borussia Dortmund (West Germany) 0 (0-0). In Turin: Juventus (Italy) 0 Bayern Munich (Germany) 0 (0-0). In Lisbon: Benfica (Portugal) 7 Hogved (Hungary) 0 (5-0). Benfica win 9-0 on aggregate.

Sheraton bridge

RESULTS of Sheraton Bridge game held on Tuesday at Sheraton Hotel.

N/S

1. Ashkar & Zaman

2. Shah & Zubair

3. Mrs Risa & Sabri

E/W

1. Tibb & Hensidi

2. Nisar & Haque

3. A team of four tournament will be held at Sheraton tomorrow at 4:00 pm.

Women's hockey

NEW DELHI, India, Nov 1. (AP): Japan, China and Ireland won matches on the opening day today of the 12-nation Intercontinental Cup field hockey championship for women. In another game, Malaysia and Austria drew 1-1. China defeated France 2-0 and Japan outplayed India by a similar margin. Ireland won 1-0 against Italy.

Cup matches

ZURICH, Nov 1. (Reuters): Key European World Cup qualifying matches next month will kick off simultaneously to ensure fairness in the decisive final round. The International Football Association (Fifa) said yesterday that the European Group Three match between the Soviet Union and Turkey in Simferopol would be postponed a week to Nov 15, to coincide with the clash between East Germany and Austria in Vienna in the same group. Both matches will start at 17:00 GMT.

Controversial Cup

PARIS, Nov 1. (Reuters): World number two Boris Becker hinted yesterday that he may boycott next year's controversial six million-dollar Grand Slam Cup.

Stockholm Open

STOCKHOLM, Nov 1. (Reuters): Wimbledon champion Boris Becker has accepted a last minute "wild card" to play in next week's Stockholm Open tournament, organisers said yesterday. He joins an impressive line-up that includes Ivan Lendl and Stefan Edberg.

French win

CLERMONT-FERRAND, France, Nov 1. (Reuters): Scrum half Marc Pradier led a rugby union French provincial selection side to a 19-10 victory over touring Australia yesterday.

Pakistan clinch Nehru trophy

Wasim hits six on penultimate ball

CALCUTTA, Nov 1. (Reuters): A huge six by Wasim Akram off the penultimate ball clinched the Nehru Cup for Pakistan today as they beat West Indies by four wickets in a dramatic final.

In a thrilling climax to the six-nation cricket tournament, Pakistan needed all but that one delivery of their 50 overs to pass West Indies' 273 for five.

Off the fourth ball of the final over Akram Reza was run out to leave new batsman Wasim Akram to score three runs from the last two deliveries.

He obliged first time, sending the ball bowled by West Indies captain Viv Richards soaring over wide long on to the boundary for six and their second international one-day trophy in the space of two weeks.

Following their victory in Sharjah, it clearly established Pakistan as the world's leading limited overs team.

It was a superb performance of character and talent as they matched a West Indies total built around a fine, unbeaten 107 from opener Desmond Haynes.

Their triumph stemmed from a partnership of the highest quality between captain Imran Khan and Salim Malik, who put on 93 for the fifth wicket.

They came together with the score at 133 for four halfway through the innings. Salim in tremendous form with 468 runs in nine previous matches, took command with Imran a perfect foil.

Both eschewed the wild swings normally associated with this type of cricket. Instead, with graceful strokes and excellent running between the wickets, they kept pace with the asking rate of more than five runs an over.

After 10 overs together they had taken the score past 200, with Salim reaching 50 from only 36 balls.

Richards had to bring back Malcolm Marshall, his premier fast bowler, in an attempt to stem the runs instead of saving him for the final overs. The move did not work and meant Richards had to bowl the last over of the match himself with his gentle seamers.

West Indies did remove their main tormentor when paceman Curtly Ambrose had Salim caught by wicketkeeper Jeff Dujon. He made 71 in magnificent style from 61 balls and hit one six and six fours.

Hope flickered briefly for West Indies, seeking to recover their pride after coming last in the three-nation Sharjah tournament, which also involved India.

Imran snuffed it out, calmly smothering singles and the occasional boundary to finish unbeaten with 55 off 75 balls.

The Pakistan captain, who also took three wickets when West Indies batted first after winning the toss, was named Man of the Match, worth \$1,000, and also Man of the Series, for another \$5,000.

West Indies began their innings slowly on a pitch helpful to the seamer. Ansuqib Javed, the 17-year-old paceman Imran plucked from obscurity a year ago, was most effective.

He did not take a wicket, but his 10 overs cost only 25 runs as both Haynes and fellow opener Philip Simmons struggled.

The first 50 took 17 overs before



Imran shows his joy after winning the match. Inset: Wasim (left) receives a hug from Abdul Qadir. (Reuters wirephoto)

the hunt for runs began in earnest. While Haynes played the anchor role, short slogs were mounted by a succession of partners.

After Simmons departed for 40, Richie Richardson scored 27 in 41 balls, Richards 21 in 12, Jeff Dujon 28 from 13 and Gus Logie 14 from eight.

Richards, scorer of 11 centuries and nearly 6,500 runs in one-day internationals, looked as if he was going to take the Pakistan attack apart.

But more a man of cameos than full length plays recently, the Antiguan looted a catch to Mushtaq Ahmed and finished the series without a half century.

Haynes' hundred, his second of the competition, was chanceless and looked to have seen West Indies to a winning total.

But on a pitch playing more easily as the day wore on, Ejaz Ahmed with 56 and Rameez Raja (35) set the stage for Salim and Imran to complete a memorable victory watched by a crowd of 65,000.

Scoreboard

WEST INDIES	
Haynes not out.....107	
P. Simmons c Ejaz Ahmed b Mushtaq Ahmed.....40	
R. Richardson b Reza.....27	
V. Richards c Mushtaq b Imran.....21	
J. Dujon c Qadir b Imran.....28	
G. Logie c sub b Imran.....14	
M. Marshall not out.....10	

Extras (b-11 lb-14 w-1).....26
Total (five wickets - 50 overs).....273
Fall of wickets: 1-83 2-143 3-175 4-221 5-244

Did not bat: E. Haynes, W. Benjamin, C. Ambrose, C. Walsh.

Bowling: Ansuqib Javed 10-2-25-0, Wasim Akram 10-1-46-0, Akram Reza 5-0-26-1, Mushtaq 9-0-55-1, Qadir 7-0-49-0, Imran Khan 9-0-47-3.

PAKISTAN
Asim Malik c Dujon b Benjamin.....3
Rameez Raja c Logie b Walsh.....35
Ejaz Ahmed run out.....56
Javed Miandad c Richards b Benjamin.....17
Salim Malik c Dujon b Ambrose.....71
Imran Khan not out.....55
Akram Reza run out.....19
Wasim Akram not out.....6
Extras (b-4 w-10 lb-1).....15
Total (six wickets - 49.5 overs).....277

Did not bat: Abdul Qadir, Mushtaq Ahmed, Ansuqib Javed.

Fall of wickets: 1-4 2-64 3-110 4-133 5-226 6-270

Bowling: Ambrose 10-0-41-1, Benjamin 10-0-71-2, Marshall 10-0-43-0, Walsh 10-0-55-1, R. Haynes 3-0-21-0, Richards 6-5-42-0.

Results: Pakistan won by four wickets.

Man of the Match: Imran Khan.

Al Hajri finishes second in Portugal

SAEED AL HAJRI, the Rothmans Rallystar from Qatar, chalked up another rally success last weekend, when he took the Rothmans Ford rally team Sierra Cosworth to a magnificent second place in the Portuguese Algarve rally.

With Britain's Steve Bond co-driving, Saeed stormed through the field of the two-day event to lead during the second leg, only for a punctured tyre to drop him down into runner-up position, less than

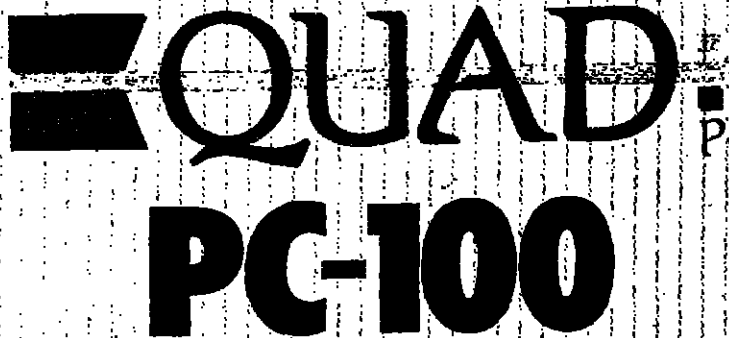
a minute behind the eventual winner, ex-Portuguese champion Joaquim Santos, in another Sierra Cosworth.

This result comes after a string of rally successes this year which includes outright victory in the Qatar and Cork 20 rallies, and a splendid eighth place in the world championship Rothmans Rally of New Zealand.

"The second half of this year has really given me

some variety," said Al Hajri at the Lagos finish.

Results:
1. Joaquim Santos (P) Sierra Cosworth 3h 45m 32s.
2. Saeed Al Hajri (Q) Sierra Cosworth 3h 46m 53s.
3. Carlos Bica (P) Lancia Delta 4WD 3h 49m 39s.
4. Inverto Amarel (P) Renault 11 Turbo 3h 52m 22s.
5. Jose Miguel (P) Sierra Cosworth (N) 4h 03m 13s.
6. Fernando Ramos (P) Renault 11 Turbo 4h 04m 43s.



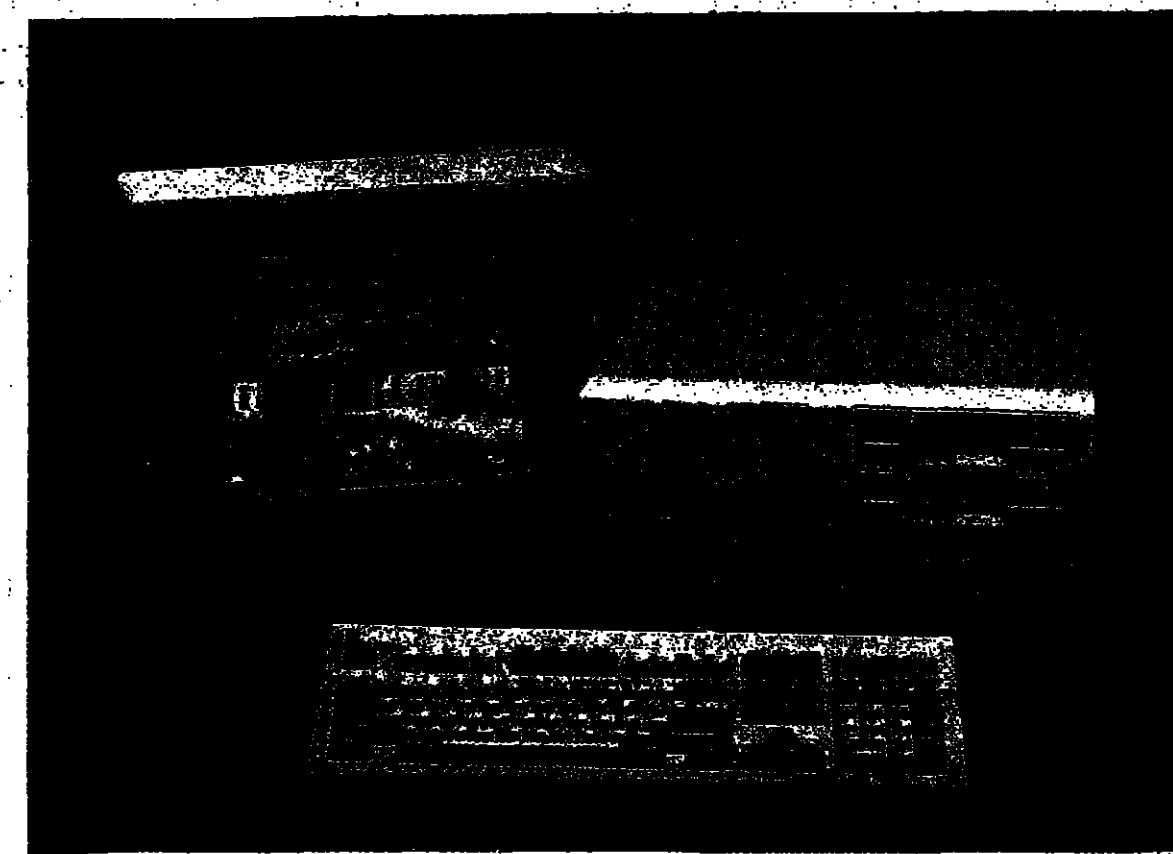
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